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ED REVIEW

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...a bi-weekly update on U.S. Department of Education activities relevant to the
Intergovernmental and Corporate community and other stakeholders

MATH EDUCATION

Yesterday (March 13), the National Mathematics Advisory Panel released its final report. The panel, created by President Bush in April 2006, was charged with making recommendations to the President and the Secretary on the best use of scientifically based research to advance the teaching and learning of mathematics, with a specific focus on preparation for and success in algebra (grades PK-8). Why algebra? It is a "demonstrable gateway to later achievement," needed for higher math in high school. Also, completion of Algebra II correlates significantly with success in college and future earnings. Panelists, including mathematicians, cognitive psychologists, and educators, held 12 meetings across the country (receiving testimony from 200 individuals and 150 organizations), reviewed 16,000 studies, and scrutinized surveys from 743 algebra teachers. The result is 45 findings and recommendations on a range of items, including instructional practices, materials, assessments, and teacher professional development. Below are some highlights.

Core Principles of Math Instruction

- The areas to be studied from pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade should be streamlined, and a well-defined set of the most important topics should be emphasized in the early grades. Any approach that revisits topics year after year -- without brining them to closure -- should be avoided.
- Proficiency with whole numbers, fractions, and aspects of geometry and measurement are the foundations for algebra. Of these, knowledge of fractions is the most important skill not developed among American students.
- Conceptual understanding, computational and procedural fluency, and problem-solving skills are equally important and mutually reinforce each other.

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- Students should develop immediate recall of arithmetic facts to free the "working memory" for solving more complex problems.
- More students should be prepared for and offered an "authentic" algebra course in the eighth-grade. The major topics of school algebra include symbols and expressions, linear equations, quadratic equations, functions, polynomials, and combinatorics and finite probability.

Effective Instruction Matters

- Teachers' regular use of formative assessments can improve student learning.
- The belief that children of particular ages cannot learn certain content because they are "too young" or "not ready" has consistently been shown to be false.
- Explicit instruction for students who struggle is effective in increasing learning.
- Gifted students should be allowed to accelerate their learning.
- Publishers should produce shorter, more focused, and more mathematically accurate textbooks. The excessive length of some U.S. textbooks is not necessary for high achievement.

Other Findings

- Much of the public's "resignation" about math education is based on the erroneous idea that success comes from inherent talent or ability, not effort. A focus on the importance of effort in learning will improve outcomes. If students believe that their efforts to learn make them "smarter," they show greater persistence in learning.
- Teachers' math knowledge is important for students' achievement. The preparation of elementary and middle school educators should be strengthened. Also, the use of teachers who have specialized in elementary math could be an alternative to increasing all elementary teachers' content knowledge by focusing the need for expertise on a fewer teachers.
- The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and state assessments in math should be improved in quality and should emphasize the most critical knowledge and skills leading to algebra.

The Department will convene a national summit based on the recommendations of the panel. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/mathpanel/>.

NCLB UPDATE

Continuing her national tour, Secretary Spellings visited three more states to discuss critical issues in K-12 education: North Carolina (3/5), West Virginia (3/7), and New York (3/10). Moreover, maximizing the agency's outreach, Deputy Secretary Ray Simon visited four states: Arkansas (3/10), Colorado (3/12), North Dakota (3/13), and New Mexico (3/14). At each location, they presented state-specific *No Child Left Behind* information from a new tool recently unveiled by the Department (see <http://www.ed.gov/nclb/accountability/results/progress/>). These two-page "dashboards" provide statistics on state and NAEP test scores, graduation rates, schools making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), highly qualified teachers, parents taking advantage of choice and supplemental educational service options, state participation in flexibility options, and more. The simple format, with charts and graphs, reveals bright spots as well as concerns. Next week, using feedback from these visits, the Secretary will announce a series of assessment and accountability actions.

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On March 6, the Secretary delivered poignant remarks at the Reading First State Directors Conference. "Just last week, we learned that, for the first time, more than one out of every 100 Americans is incarcerated," she said. "Reducing these numbers starts early. It starts with giving our young people the knowledge and skills to succeed in school and in the workforce. I don't need to tell you that reading opens the door to history, science, literature, geography, and more. Reading opens the door to opportunity. So, instead of cutting funding for programs that are proven to work, let's make them more available!" In Fiscal Year 2008, Congress cut funding for Reading First by 61%. President Bush has proposed restoring funding to \$1 billion. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2008/03/03062008.html>.

In a letter to Chief State School Officers (<http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/saapr5.pdf>), Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education Kerri Briggs announced the Department's revised peer review process for science assessments. Responding to concerns that the process is not transparent and does not furnish timely feedback, she is offering states the opportunity to have face-to-face conversations with peers and receive technical assistance from these experts. Also, in keeping with changes made last fall, states may select one of the peers from the list of approved experts for the state's review. This is the first year science assessments are required to be administered once each in grades 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12. The assessments are not included in determinations of AYP.

AMERICAN STARS

The Department is still accepting nominations for its 2008 American Stars of Teaching awards, which recognize educators who are boosting student achievement -- using innovative instructional strategies -- and making a difference in the lives of their students. Anyone (students, parents, colleagues, administrators, etc.) can nominate an American Star. After the Department receives a nomination, a verification form is sent to the teacher's principal. One teacher will be recognized from each state and the District of Columbia. The deadline for nominations is March 31. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <https://www.t2tweb.us/AmStar/About.asp>.

Also: Applications for Teaching Ambassador Fellowship positions at the Department are due April 7. These positions offer highly motivated and innovative public school teachers the opportunity to contribute their knowledge and experience to the national dialogue on education. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherfellowship/>.

TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION

Today (March 14), Secretary Spellings testified before the House Committee on Education and Labor on the availability of federal student loans. "Recent volatility in credit markets has raised some concern about the continued availability of student loans," she said. "I want to reassure you that federal student aid -- grants, loans through both the Direct Loan and Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) programs, and work-study -- will continue to be available to students and their families." FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2008/03/03142008.html>.

Other higher education-related resources:

- At the hearing, the Secretary released a new brochure, "Federal Aid

First" (<http://www.ed.gov/federalaidfirst/>), which explains why students looking to borrow money for postsecondary education should apply for loans from the federal government first, before seeking assistance from private lenders.

- The Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) Program Guide (<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oep/oeprogramguide.html>) organizes OPE's programs by primary purpose ("Helping All Americans Reach Postsecondary Education," "Improving Teaching at All Levels," "Supporting Undergraduate Students," etc.) and provides a summary of the program with a link to the main program page.
- "Ten Years After College" (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2008155>) examines college graduates' work experiences in 1994, 1997, and 2003, describing their status, employment stability and intensity, occupations and industries, salaries and benefits, and perceptions about their jobs.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Searching for dollars? Several grant competitions are in progress. For example, the Early Reading First Program supports local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-age children, particularly those from low-income families, through strategies, materials, and professional development. The competition is open to high-need school districts (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/earlyreading/eligibility.html>) and organizations (public or private) within those districts. The deadline for pre-applications is April 7, while the deadline for applications is June 10. Also, the School Leadership Grant Program assists in the development, enhancement, or expansion of innovative programs to recruit, train, and mentor principals and assistant principals for high-need schools. The competition is open to high-need districts and institutions of higher education in partnership with districts. A "notice of intent" to apply is due April 2, while the deadline for applications is May 2. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/GrantApps/>.

Also: April 14 and 15, the Department is sponsoring four, one-hour technical assistance conference calls to assist states in applying for funding under the College Access Challenge Grant (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/cacg/>). These calls will focus on program requirements and the application process. To register for a conference call (at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ET, each day), contact Karmon Simms-Coates at <mailto:Karmon.Simms-Coates@ed.gov>.

INTEL SCIENCE AWARDS

On March 13, Secretary Spellings joined Intel Chairman Craig Barrett to honor Intel Science Talent Search (STS) finalists. STS is America's oldest (1942) and most prestigious high school science competition. (Since 1998, STS has been sponsored by Intel.) More than 1,600 students entered the contest this year; the 40 finalists hailed from 19 states and 35 high schools. The top prize went to Shivani Sud of Durham, North Carolina, who developed a model that analyzed the specific "molecular signatures" of tumors from patients with Stage II colon cancer. She then used this information to identify those at higher risk for tumor recurrence and propose potentially effective drugs for treatment. She joins some esteemed alumni: six Nobel Laureates, three National Medal of Science winners, 10 MacArthur Foundation Fellows, and two Field Medalists. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.intel.com/education/sts/>.

QUOTE TO NOTE

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"This [National Mathematics Advisory Panel] report represents the first comprehensive analysis of math education to be based on sound science. The panel's findings and recommendations make very clear what must be done to help our children succeed in math. We must teach number and math concepts early, we must help students believe they can improve their math skills, and we must ensure they fully comprehend algebra concepts by the time they graduate from high school. The panel's extensive work will benefit generations of American students."

-- Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings (3/13/08)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Over the next two weeks, the Department will be exhibiting at the National Catholic Educational Association's Annual Convention in Indianapolis (March 25-28), the National Science Teachers Association's National Conference on Science Education (theme: Bridge to the Future) in Boston (March 27-30), and the National School Boards Association's Annual Conference in Orlando (March 29-April 1). If you are attending any of these events, please stop by the Department's booth.

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Would you consider a 2020 run for the presidency? You youngest would be 12 and old enough to handle the rigors.

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Governor Sarah Palin announced she and her husband are expecting their fifth child.

"Todd and I are five times blessed and couldn't be happier," Governor Palin said. "We look forward to welcoming our new addition in May."

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President's Challenge

Get 30 minutes? Get fit this spring — and help Alaska win national recognition.

Join Governor Palin in the National President's Challenge, a six-week competition sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Sign up for the Challenge, which runs from March 20 through May 15, at www.presidentchallenge.org.

What's the prize? Better health — physical activity makes you feel and look better. And you'll help shine the spotlight on Alaska as governors with the highest percentage of participating residents will be recognized for supporting healthy lifestyles.

"Participating in this challenge is free and easy," Governor Palin said. "It's only 30 minutes of activity a day. You can walk, run, ski, or even bicycle your way to the goal. About 100 different activities count."

The rules of the challenge are simple

- The challenge starts March 20, but sign up through April 3.
- Adults must be active for at least 30 minutes during five days of each of the six weeks in the challenge, and report their activity on www.presidentchallenge.org.
- Children 5 through 17 need to complete 60 minutes of activity five days a week.
- Sign up as an individual or with a group.

Recent state surveys showed that more than 60 percent of Alaska adults are overweight or obese and more than 27 percent of high school students are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight — costing upwards of \$200 million in direct medical costs, not including indirect costs such as lost productivity at work.

X Susan Butcher Day

Governor Sarah Palin honored the late Susan Butcher during a ceremonial kickoff prior to the start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage. House Bill 37, sponsored by Representative David Guttenberg, established the first Saturday of March as Susan Butcher Day.

"No one exemplifies the spirit of Iditarod more than Susan Butcher," Governor Palin said. "She is a great role model for so many Alaskans. I greatly admire her perseverance and competitiveness."

Butcher, a four-time winner of the Iditarod Dog Race, died in 2008. She will be honored on the first Saturday of March, the opening day of the race that she won on a five-year stretch from 1986 to 1990.

Governor Palin was joined at the Maui by Butcher's husband Dave Monson, Tekla and Chisana.

X New Energy Coordinator

Governor Sarah Palin has named Steven Haegenson to serve as energy coordinator and executive director of Alaska Energy Authority.

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Federal Rebates

IRS Returns Needed for Federal Rebates

Starting in May, 2008, the United States Treasury will begin sending out economic stimulus payments (rebates) of \$300-\$600 to eligible persons across the U.S. For some parents, there is an additional payment of \$300 for each eligible child under 17.

However, people must file an income tax return in order to receive the payment.

Some Alaska citizens do not have a federal tax filing requirement, but are nonetheless eligible for the payment. These citizens will need to file a 2007 federal income tax return to become eligible.

Those who don't normally need to file can look to Free File - Economic Stimulus Payment, available at IRS.gov, to make filing an easy process. Several Free File software providers are making their products available for the expedited filing of a tax return.

In most cases, those who are required to file a federal tax return will not have to do anything extra, just file a 2007 federal tax return as usual.

Low to moderate income taxpayers, elderly taxpayers and veterans can receive free tax assistance.

For more about eligibility requirements, visit the Economic Stimulus Payment Information Center for information. Generally, people must have a valid Social Security number, have at least \$3,000 in qualified income, and not be a dependent or eligible to be a dependent on someone else's return in order to qualify.



Online Drivers Test

A driver's practice test is now available online for Alaska's potential road warriors.

The test is accessible by visiting www.dot.alaska.gov/highwaysafety and clicking "Online Driver Test" on the right side of the page.

The practice exam consists of 15 questions, similar to what driver's license applicants can expect when taking the actual exam at DMV locations.

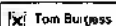
"Passing the practice test is no way ensure participants will pass the actual test necessary to obtain an Alaska driver's license," said Cindy Cashen, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Highway Safety Office Administrator. "It's our intention to have the site prepare applicants for the actual exam and become safe and knowledgeable, licensed drivers."

The test is a joint effort by the Alaska DOT&PF, the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, the Alaska Highway Safety Office and the Alaska Injury Prevention Center.



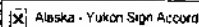
Above & Beyond Citizen Honors

North Pole resident represents Alaska



Tom Burgess

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society has announced the names of 51 finalists for its inaugural Above & Beyond Citizen Honors - one for each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C.



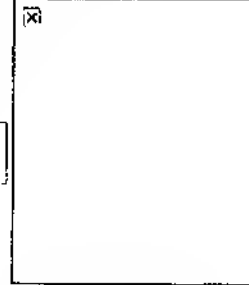
Governor Sarah Palin and Yukon Territory Premier Dennis Fentie recently renewed the 2003 Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Accord.

"This accord provides a framework for the governments of Alaska and Yukon to continue working cooperatively on tourism, transportation, and trade and commerce initiatives," Governor Palin said. "We have also included climate change, wildlife management, economic development and infrastructure in the accord as additional key areas of opportunity."

Yukon and Alaska have maintained and renewed a joint intergovernmental accord for well over a decade, and successes arising from the accord include joint Shakwak research projects, the Chisana caribou recovery project and joint highway enforcement initiatives.

"Through the accord, we are continuing our work to build strong, viable communities and a solid trade relationship, as we are poised to enter an unprecedented period of responsible resource development in the north on both sides of the border," Premier Fentie said.

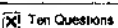
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Premier Dennis Fentie at www.gov.yk.ca/

Fentie was accompanied by Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon during the Feb. 29 Anchorage trip. Other topics of discussion during the meeting included the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act, the Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline, climate change impacts on infrastructure and the U.S. Homeland Security Rule Interpretation for Alaskan Cruise Ships.

Fentie and Palin last met in June 2007 in Whitehorse, where they discussed a variety of topics, including economic development, the environment and the accord renewal.



Director John Katz

John Katz, Director

Washington D.C. Office of the Governor

Q: Will you tell us about yourself?

After graduating from law school, I worked for Congressman Howard Pollock and then for Senator Ted Stevens before moving to Alaska in 1971. In 1972, I was appointed counsel to the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska, which was established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

I have worked for the State of Alaska in various capacities for 29 years. In early 1979, Governor Hammond appointed me as his Special Counsel to represent Alaska's interests during Congressional consideration of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which was enacted in December, 1980.

The Governor later asked me to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, where I remained until January, 1983.

Since then, I have served six Governors as Director of State-Federal Relations and Special Counsel to the Governor in Washington, DC. In 1994, I received an honorary degree from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and have been commended twice by the Alaska Legislature.

I appreciate the privilege of representing State interests in D.C. and of working on a wide variety of interesting and challenging issues. I also enjoy the opportunity to work with capable and dedicated people within the State administration and in the many Alaska groups and organizations that do business in D.C.

Q: What do you miss most about Alaska?

I am often homesick and say that D.C. is habitable as long as I never think of it as home. What I miss most is the opportunity to interact in person with my friends and colleagues in Alaska and the ability to experience quiet and solitude without traveling many miles to do so.

Q: When was Alaska's D.C. office created?

Alaska's office originally was established by Governor Bill Egan in the early 1970s. The responsibilities of the office have changed over time in relation to State interests and the wishes of the incumbent Governor.

Currently, the principal functions of the office are to identify and monitor issues which arise in

Tom Burgess of North Pole is Alaska's nominee for going above and beyond with his courageous rescue of tourists on a burning bus. While working on the Parks Highway as a truck driver, Burgess came upon a terrible accident between an Alaskan tour bus and a small pick-up truck. The first person on the scene, Burgess acted quickly and, disregarding his own safety, rescued many of the 25 trapped people. Burgess' brave actions that day resulted in numerous lives being saved.

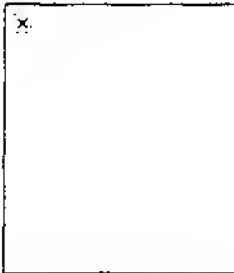
Three of the 51 finalists will be chosen as 2008 Above & Beyond Citizen Honorees and these remarkable citizens will be honored and celebrated during a ceremony to be held March 25, Medal of Honor Day, in Washington, D.C.

"Above & Beyond" is the first time an 107 living Medal of Honor recipients have banded together to create a national platform to promote and honor "Service before Self."

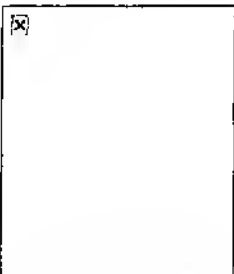
For more information, visit www.aboveandbeyond365.com and www.cmohs.org

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The News in Photos



President Bush addresses the National Governors' Association in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, Feb. 25, 2008. From left are American Samoa Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono, Governor Palin, Alabama Governor Bob Riley, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)



Mike Walber, a 47-year-old Native Alaskan artist and fisherman, stands by the "shame pole" he carved in memory of the \$680 Exxon Valdez oil spill, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, following a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, one day before a decision lawsuit, *Exxon v. Baker*, is argued in the Supreme Court. At right is Governor Palin. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Congress and federal agencies in D.C., analyze and help formulate State policy on these issues, and advocate policy in appropriate federal forums.

Q: What's unique about the D.C. office?

Some 36 states and territories have established offices in D.C. The functions of these offices vary widely, depending upon gubernatorial mandates, issues and budgets.

The uniqueness of this office results from the issues we work on. Alaska is still a young state with a complex and evolving relationship to the federal government, a large federal land mass, a major military presence, and numerous federal programs designed to benefit Alaska Natives and other citizens.

Hence, we deal with a number of issues that other states resolved decades ago or that are unique to us for reasons of geography or resource potential. Two good examples are Alaska's efforts to commercialize North Slope natural gas and the possible designation of polar bears under the Endangered Species Act.

Q: What are some things you tell Alaskans visiting D.C.?

Every month, we meet with representatives of local governments, interest groups and individual Alaskans. Usually, they come here for a specific purpose, such as appropriations requests, and we discuss the merits of these proposals and how they might be received by Congress or the federal agencies.

Often, we will take the opportunity to discuss policies of the Palin administration that might be of interest. And, some folks want to know how to get to the closest shopping malls and museums.

Q: What are some of the big issues that you are dealing with?

The D.C. office works on the full spectrum of federal issues with which the State is concerned. At any given time, between 100 and 120 issues are active. About 60 percent of this workload involves legislation in Congress, and the remainder concerns matters pending before federal agencies and administrative tribunals.

The office spends much of its time on Alaska-specific natural resource and environmental matters. The remainder, among other issues, is devoted to health, jobs and families, education, transportation, appropriations and international affairs.

Q: How do you work with Alaska's Congressional delegation?

The Governor's D.C. office is the primary contact with the Congressional delegation. This entails meetings, phone calls and emails virtually every day with the delegation or staff.

Often, we explain administration positions on federal issues and seek consensus with the Congressional delegation. We frequently work together in developing strategy and advocating Alaska's interests. The office also responds to numerous requests for factual information on particular issues.

Q: Earmarks have been in the news lately, will you explain how earmarks work?

The term "earmark" means different things to different people. We use this term to connote a sum of money for a specific project or program that is added to an appropriations bill by a member of Congress, often to benefit that member's constituents.

This year, President Bush and the Congressional leadership have said that the total dollar amount and number of earmarks must be reduced significantly. Recognizing the Constitutional authority of Congress to formulate the federal budget, Governor Palin has responded to this direction by reducing the total number of State earmark requests from 54 last year to 31 and from \$550 million to less than \$200 million.

Q: What questions do you get the most about Alaska?

This office is oriented toward public policy. So, most of the questions we get relate to policy issues pending in Congress or the various federal agencies.

At the moment, we are receiving a lot of inquiries concerning energy issues, such as ANWR, the gas pipeline, and clean energy; the possible listing of polar bears under the ESA; climate change; appropriations, and fish and wildlife concerns. We also receive numerous questions from people in the lower 48 states about the Permanent Fund, what it is like to live in Alaska, and summer travel.

Q: What are the most common impressions of Alaska?

For many Americans, Alaska is a mysterious and intriguing place. They know that we possess vast quantities of oil, gas, hardrock minerals and other natural resources that we are ready and willing to provide to the rest of the country. These same people also perceive Alaska as a state with vast wilderness and bountiful fish and wildlife that should be protected.

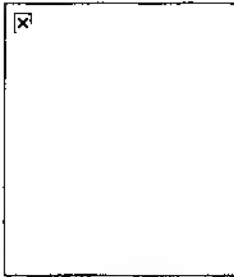
The polls I've seen show that a majority of Americans trust us to strike the right balance between responsible development and environmental protection. In addition, they want to know more about our State and what our people think and do.

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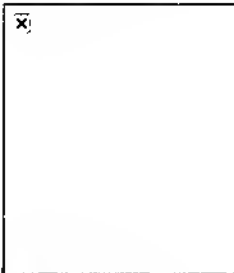
The Alaska Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Revenue (DOR) received more than 300 public comments on the TransCanada Alaska Company LLC application under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act during the 60-day public comment period that began on Jan. 5.

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More than 100 of the comments arrived within the



Governor Palin presented information about Alaska's gas pipeline to the Hoover Institution Board, which is the Stanford University-based public policy research center, on Feb. 26, 2008, in Washington, D.C. Photo credit to Goodman/Van Riper Photography.

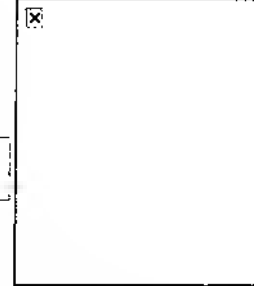


Governor Palin reads to students in the Geslinau School Head Start class in mid-February.



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two-days prior to the Thursday, March 6 deadline. DNR staff are assembling, tabulating and formatting the electronic comments, and plan to make the comments available to the public as quickly as possible, and no later than March 14.



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The comments will be made available online at the state's AGIA website. Electronic copies will also be available on request. For more information contact DNR at 907-269-8400.

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Women's History Month
Nationally, March is Women's History Month. Alaska has its own rich heritage of women who made a difference, including Elizabeth Peirce who demanded equal treatment for all Alaska citizens, Susan Butcher whose four victories in the Iditarod made her a symbol of self-reliance (see related article in this newsletter), and Hilary Lindh who is a five-time U.S. National Champion and the 1992 Olympic silver medalist in downhill skiing.

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Joaquin Alvarenga
address: 1330 Autumn Ln Anchorage AK 99504

MESSAGE:

What would be your agenda as vice-president with John McCain?
I am just very curious about.

I don't mean what Alaskans want, they'll never make it
600,000 people against 300,000,000 people, It will never happen

Opening ANWAR for example is treason if it is a pentagon reserve for jet fuel in case USA is in a war and foreign sources are sabotage; USA needs fuel to fight a war. You need to ask the pentagon how important to them is ANWAR as reserve.

I am curious what does Sarah Palin wants for Alaska, I mean as Matsu-Valley resident, as ex major dreaming to do things for Wasilla and then as Governor finding out is not that easy and then many goals impossible. Then knowing that many Alaska dreams will never be realized not even if you became president of USA because congress and senate have to approve your ideas.

I just trust in you as non corrupted that had a bad experience that in reality the political party is loaded with greedy individuals that don't care about "we the people"; many in the CIA, FBI, NSA or DOD will not even care to die or go to jail for their greedy agendas. They think that "who dies with the most toys wins", or "is better to have a million than never had it" despites consequences after but they can say they had a million dollars and so on. Problem is that such phylosophy on the world of spies and mafias spread

all over many countries and so Russian or Mexican or Chinese or Muslims counterparts spies or mafia members will think and act similarly.

Alaska is not so corrupted and risky as other states on those terms, and are you sure you want to go to DC and deal with those kind of people? I mean billionaire criminals in a sense with their servants willing to die for their crumbs; or dictators from other countries with their slaves infiltrated or living in USA (Castro, Natzis, Chavez, Vatican mafia, etc)

You have my vote if you say yes, but is ugly there...I mean they can literally kill you (or try a least) if you get in their way with your clean politics ideals. 1000 security guards can not stop a sniper bullet to your head or to one of your children or husband for example. A wrong decision can cost you more than a political career in DC; that is why I hate DC.

You must be willing to die when aiming for the white house and kill innocent people used by your enemies in a cross fire; or the millions counting on you will not have a defender leader. I mean you got to live to fight another day and you have to be trickier than your enemies (meaning USA enemies when you hold the white house office); so help you Jesus.

Alberto

asjaa33@uaa.alaska.edu

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Pls let them know I do intend to participate and look forward to this. Traveling to the slope, etc works for me. Thanks

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2008 10:41:28

To: "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, "Adrian Herrera" <aherrera@anwr.org>

Cc: "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "Mike Nizich" <Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>, "Janice Mason" <janice_mason@gov.state.ak.us>, "Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Re: G GORDON LIDDY

Thanks for advising us of your plans for Mr. = Liddy and the expanded coverage of Alaska energy issues that might ensue = from his trip.

By copy of this email, I'm advising the = Governor's scheduling and press people of your tentative plans. As = things progress, I would suggest that you add Janice Mason, the Governor's = scheduler, to your list.

My guess is that Commissioner Irwin and his = people would be glad to provide a factual briefing for Mr. Liddy and his = staff.

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Hi John and Larry,

Well after a long time waiting I have finally gotten the go ahead = yesterday from Radio America to announce the Gordon Liddy trip to Alaska. = We have decided on July 11th arrival to July 20th. 7 full days = on the ground with 5 full broadcast days. Liddy will fly up to = Katovik on July 12 from Anchorage and visit Prudhoe, Barrow, and Red Dog = for a day each before heading back to Anchorage on the 16th. We will = broadcast live from Anchorage from 6am -10am on Wednesday the 16 to Friday = the 18th. The beginning of the week shows on Monday and Tuesday = (14th, 15th) will be prerecorded and done partly remotely from the = Slope....we hope!

Arctic Power will spear head the logistics of this trip but we are = also expecting the following groups to be helping out as well: North = Slope Borough, RDC, Alaska Chamber, The Alliance, possibly BP???please = please, NANA, DrVen, CH2MHill, Village of Kaktovik . More are = expected to join in as the word is put out.

At the moment we are planning to deal with ANWR for a day, Alaskan = oil and gas for a day, mining for a day, Natives for a day, Alaskan energy = in general for a day. This is not set in stone and due to the early = stages of planning I expect everything to be subject to changes as = different groups want their message aired.

We would really like the Governor to participate as the key guest on = the show for an extended live interview. She can call in or be = present as is convenient. I have also asked Senator = Murkowski and will be putting the same to Young and Stevens. The = Mayors of Kaktovik, Barrow and possibly Kotzebue and Anchorage will be = formally asked.

We are working to tie into Rush Limbaugh on one of the days but that = is uncertain at the moment.

At any rate I think it will be good press for us and help with the = cause. Liddy broadcasts to about 500 stations nationwide daily and = so its pretty good size audience.

all the best,

Adrian

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Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Anders; Bruce F (DNR)
Subject: Holy Moly

Hang on to your hats. We got the machine after us now! Sean's filing at noon - DY is one angry bear.

Talis, may I eat those doughnuts that you've been saving for Sean? Your ploy may have worked...

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Subject: Earmarks Senator Stevens' clarification - CONFIDENTIAL

Senator Stevens asked me to let you know that his comments in yesterday's ADN are not of recent vintage but reflect an interview that he gave over two weeks ago, well before his decision to post all earmarks and the meeting I had with him.

This message was conveyed by the Senator's press secretary, who also said that the Senator wonders why ADN saved his comments for such a long time before publishing them. Implicit in the message was Senator Stevens concern and discontent about how his prior words were used.

Just wanted you to be aware of this exchange.

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From: Eric A. Olson [eolson@gci.net]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 10:36 AM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Cc: Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: Thank You

Dear Governor Palin-

Just wanted to send you a quick note and thank you for the appointment to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

It is most definitely an honor, and if the Secretary of Commerce approves the nomination, I look forward to working with your administration on the fisheries issues that are so important to our state.

Again thank you so much,
Eric Olson

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Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Dan Owen

address: 934 Bramblegate Rd Hope Mills NC 28348

MESSAGE:

I've heard it suggested that you would make a great running mate for John McCain, and I tend to agree. Is there any chance at all that this could happen? If not, how about getting into the mix four years from now? I believe you have what it takes to be a great candidate.

danielfowen@aol.com

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Subject: Putting Alaska First-March 2008

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Governor Sarah Palin announced she and her husband are expecting their fifth child.

"Todd and I are five times blessed and couldn't be happier," Governor Palin said. "We look forward to welcoming our new addition in May."

READ 2008 Poster



VISIT NEA ONLINE
 Governor Sarah Palin goes to the dogs — to encourage young people to read.

President's Challenge

Got 30 minutes? Get fit this spring — and help Alaska win national recognition.



Governor Sarah Palin honored the late musher Susan Butcher during a ceremonial bill signing just prior to the start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage. House Bill 37, sponsored by Representative David Guttenberg, establishes the first Saturday of March as Susan Butcher Day.

"No one exemplifies the spirit of Iditarod more than Susan Butcher," Governor Palin said. "She was a great role model for so many Alaskans, including me. I greatly admire her perseverance, dedication and competitiveness."

Butcher, a four-time winner of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, died in 2006. She will be honored each year on the first Saturday of March, the traditional opening day of the race that she dominated during a five-year stretch from 1986 to 1990.

Governor Palin was joined at the Mar. 1 ceremony by Butcher's husband Dave Monson and daughters Tekle and Chisana.

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 Governor Palin bill at the ceremony Iditarod.

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 Susan Butcher
www.iditarod.ca

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Governor Sarah Palin has named Steven Haagensohn to serve as executive director of Alaska Energy Authority. Haagensohn retired as executive officer of Golden Valley Electric Association in 2007.

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As energy coordinator, Haagensohn leads the state's efforts in developing a...

"Steve is a proven leader, known for his planning ability. As chair of the Energy Taskforce, he was instrumental in the development of a strategic bus electric generation, heating and...

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Join Governor Palin in the National President's Challenge, a six-week competition sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Sign up for the Challenge, which runs from March 20 through May 15, at www.presidentchallenge.org.

What's the prize? Better health – physical activity makes you feel and look better. And you'll help shine the spotlight on Alaska's governors with the highest percentage of participating residents will be recognized for supporting healthy lifestyles.

"Participating in this challenge is free and easy," Governor Palin said. "It's only 30 minutes of activity a day. You can walk, run, ski, or even bicycle your way to the goal. About 100 different activities count."

The rules of the challenge are simple:

- The challenge starts March 20, but sign up through April 3.
- Adults must be active for at least 30 minutes during five days of each of the six weeks in the challenge, and report their activity on www.presidentchallenge.org.
- Children 6 through 17 need to complete 60 minutes of activity five days a week.
- Sign up as an individual or with a group.

Recent state surveys showed that more than 60 percent of Alaska adults are overweight or obese and more than 27 percent of high school students are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight – costing upwards of \$200 million in direct medical costs, not including indirect costs such as lost productivity at work.

Federal Rebates

IRS Returns Needed for Federal Rebates

Starting in May, 2008, the United States Treasury will begin sending out economic stimulus payments (rebates) of \$300-\$600 to eligible persons across the U.S. For some parents, there is an additional payment of \$300 for each eligible child under 17.

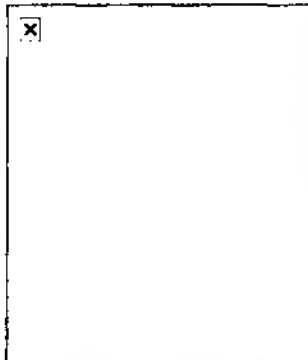
However, people must file an income tax return in order to receive the payment.

Some Alaska citizens do not have a federal tax filing requirement, but are nonetheless eligible for the payment. These citizens will need to file a 2007 federal income tax return to become eligible.

Those who don't normally need to file can look to Free File – Economic Stimulus Payment, available at IRS.gov, to make filing an easy process. Several Free File software providers are making their products available for the simplified filing of a tax return.

In most cases, those who are required to file a federal tax return will not have to do anything extra; just file a 2007 federal tax return as usual.

Low to moderate income taxpayers,



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Alaska Energy Authority at www.akenergyauthority.org



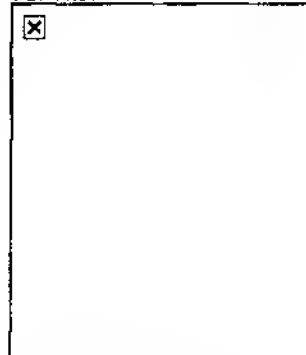
Governor Sarah Palin and Yukon Territory Premier Dennis Fentie recently renewed the 2003 Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Accord.

"This accord provides a framework for the governments of Alaska and Yukon to continue working cooperatively on tourism, transportation, and trade and commerce initiatives," Governor Palin said. "We have also included climate change, wildlife management, economic development and infrastructure in the accord as additional key areas of opportunity."

Yukon and Alaska have maintained and renewed a joint intergovernmental accord for well over a decade, and successes arising from the accord include joint Shikwuk research projects, the Chisana caribou recovery project and joint highway enforcement initiatives.

"Through the accord, we are continuing our work to build strong, viable communities and a solid trade relationship, as we are poised to enter an unprecedented period of responsible resource development in the north on both sides of the border," Premier Fentie said.

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VISIT YUKON ONLINE

Premier Dennis Fentie at www.gov.yk.ca/

Fentie was accompanied by Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon during the Feb. 29 Anchorage trip. Other topics of discussion during the meeting included the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act, the Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline, climate change impacts on infrastructure and the U.S. Homeland Security Rule Interpretation for Alaskan Cruise Ships.

Fentie and Palin last met in June 2007 in Whitehorse, where they discussed a variety of topics, including economic development, the environment and the accord renewal.

10 QUESTIONS

elderly taxpayers and veterans can receive free tax assistance

For more about eligibility requirements, visit the Economic Stimulus Payment Information Center for information. Generally, people must have a valid Social Security number, have at least \$3,000 in qualified income, and not be a dependant or eligible to be a dependant on someone else's return in order to qualify.

Online Drivers Test

A driver's practice test is now available online for Alaska's potential road warriors

The test is accessible by visiting www.dot.alaska.gov/highwaysafety and clicking "Online Driver Test" on the right side of the page

The practice exam consists of 15 questions, similar to what driver's license applicants can expect when taking the actual exams at DMV locations.

"Passing the practice test in no way ensures participants will pass the actual test necessary to obtain an Alaska driver's license," said Cindy Cashen, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Highway Safety Office Administrator. "It's our intention to have the site prepare applicants for the actual exam and become safe and knowledgeable, licensed drivers."

The test is a joint effort by the Alaska DOT&PF, the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, the Alaska Highway Safety Office and the Alaska Injury Prevention Center.

Above & Beyond Citizen Honors

North Pole resident represents Alaska



Tom Burgess

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society has announced the names of 51 finalists for its Inaugural Above & Beyond Citizen Honors - one for each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Tom Burgess of North Pole is Alaska's nominee, for going above and beyond with his courageous rescue of tourists on a burning bus. While working on the Parks Highway as a truck driver, Burgess came upon a terrible accident between an Alaskan tour bus and a small pick-up truck. The first person on the scene,



John Katz, Director

Washington D.C. Office of the Governor

Q: Will you tell us about yourself?

After graduating from law school, I worked for Congressman Howard Pollock and then for Senator Ted Stevens before moving to Alaska in 1971. In 1972, I was appointed counsel to the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska, which was established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

I have worked for the State of Alaska in various capacities for 29 years. In early 1979, Governor Hammond appointed me as his Special Counsel to represent Alaska's interest during Congressional consideration of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which was enacted in December, 1980.

The Governor later asked me to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, where I remained until January, 1983

Since then, I have served six Governors as Director of State-Federal Relations and Special Counsel to the Governor in Washington, DC. In 1994, I received an honorary degree from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and have been commended twice by the Alaska Legislature

I appreciate the privilege of representing State interests in D.C. and of working on a wide variety of interesting and challenging issues. I also enjoy the opportunity to work with capable and dedicated people within the State administration and in the many Alaska groups and organizations that do business in D.C.

Q: What do you miss most about Alaska?

I am often homesick and say that D.C. is habitable as long as I never think of it as home. What I miss most is the opportunity to interact in person with my friends and colleagues in Alaska and the ability to experience quiet and solitude without traveling many miles to do so

Q: When was Alaska's D.C. office created?

Alaska's office originally was established by Governor Bill Egan in the early 1970s. The responsibilities of the office have changed over time in relation to State interests and the wishes of the incumbent Governor.

Currently, the principal functions of the office are to identify and monitor issues which arise in Congress and federal agencies in D.C., analyze and help formulate State policy on these issues, and advocate policy in appropriate federal forums.

Q: What's unique about the D.C. office?

Some 36 states and territories have established offices in D.C. The functions of these offices vary widely, depending upon gubernatorial mandates, issues and budgets.

The uniqueness of this office results from the issues we work on. Alaska is still a young state with a complex and evolving relationship to the federal government, a large federal land mass, a major military presence, and numerous federal programs designed to benefit Alaska Natives and other citizens.

Hence, we deal with a number of issues that other states resolved decades ago or that are unique to us for reasons of geography or resource potential. Two good examples are Alaska's efforts to commercialize North Slope natural gas and the possible designation of polar bears under the Endangered Species Act.

Q: What are some things you tell Alaskans visiting D.C.?

Every month, we meet with representatives of local governments, interest groups and individual Alaskans. Usually, they come here for a specific purpose, such as appropriations requests, and we discuss the merits of these proposals and how they might be received by Congress or the federal agencies.

Often, we will take the opportunity to discuss policies of the Palin administration that might be of interest. And, some folks want to know how to get to the closest shopping malls and museums.

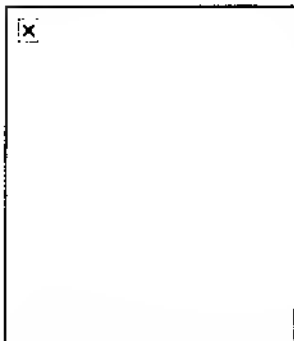
Burgess acted quickly and, disregarding his own safety, rescued many of the 25 trapped people. Burgess' brave actions that day resulted in numerous lives being saved.

Three of the 51 finalists will be chosen as 2008 Above & Beyond Citizen Honorees and these remarkable citizens will be honored and celebrated during a ceremony to be held March 25, Medal of Honor Day, in Washington, D.C.

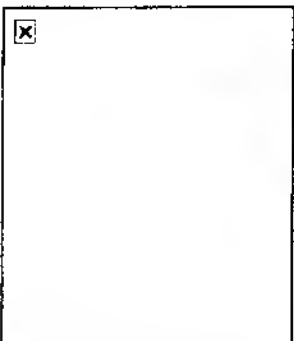
'Above & Beyond' is the first time all 107 Irving Medal of Honor recipients have banded together to create a national platform to promote and honor 'Service before Self.'

For more information, visit www.aboveandbeyond365.com and www.cmohts.org

The News in Photos



President Bush addresses the National Governors Association in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, Feb. 25, 2008. From left are, American Samoa Governor Togiola T. A. Tuleafono; Governor Palin; Alabama Governor Bob Riley; Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty; Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)



Mike Webber, a 47-year-old Native Alaskan artist and fisherman, stands by the "shame pole" he carved in memory of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, following a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, one day before a class-action lawsuit, Exxon v. Baker, is argued in the Supreme Court. At right is Governor Palin. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Q: What are some of the big issues that you are dealing with?

The D.C. office works on the full spectrum of federal issues with which the State is concerned. At any given time, between 100 and 120 issues are active. About 60 percent of this workload involves legislation in Congress, and the remainder concerns matters pending before federal agencies and administrative tribunals.

The office spends much of its time on Alaska-specific natural resource and environmental matters. The remainder, among other issues, is devoted to health, jobs and families, education, transportation, appropriations and international affairs.

Q: How do you work with Alaska's Congressional delegation?

The Governor's D.C. office is the primary contact with the Congressional delegation. This entails meetings, phone calls and emails virtually every day with the delegation or staff.

Often, we explain administration positions on federal issues and seek consensus with the Congressional delegation. We frequently work together in developing strategy and advocating Alaska's interests. The office also responds to numerous requests for factual information on particular issues.

Q: Earmarks have been in the news lately, will you explain how earmarks work?

The term "earmark" means different things to different people. We use this term to connote a sum of money for a specific project or program that is added to an appropriations bill by a member of Congress, often to benefit that member's constituents.

This year, President Bush and the Congressional leadership have said that the total dollar amount and number of earmarks must be reduced significantly. Recognizing the Constitutional authority of Congress to formulate the federal budget, Governor Palin has responded to this direction by reducing the total number of State earmark requests from 54 last year to 31 and from \$550 million to less than \$200 million.

Q: What questions do you get the most about Alaska?

This office is oriented toward public policy. So, most of the questions we get relate to policy issues pending in Congress or the various federal agencies.

At the moment, we are receiving a lot of inquiries concerning energy issues, such as ANWR, the gas pipeline, and clean energy; the possible listing of polar bears under the ESA; climate change; appropriations; and fish and wildlife concerns. We also receive numerous questions from people in the lower 48 states about the Permanent Fund, what it is like to live in Alaska, and summer travel.

Q: What are the most common impressions of Alaska?

For many Americans, Alaska is a mysterious and intriguing place. They know that we possess vast quantities of oil, gas, hardrock minerals and other natural resources that we are ready and willing to provide to the rest of the country. These same people also perceive Alaska as a state with vast wilderness and bountiful fish and wildlife that should be protected.

The polls I've seen show that a majority of Americans trust us to strike the right balance between responsible development and environmental protection. In addition, they want to know more about our State and what our people think and do.

ALASKA COMMENTARY

The Alaska Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Revenue (DOR) received more than 300 public comments on the TransCanada Alaska Company LLC application under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act during the 60-day public comment period that began on Jan. 5.

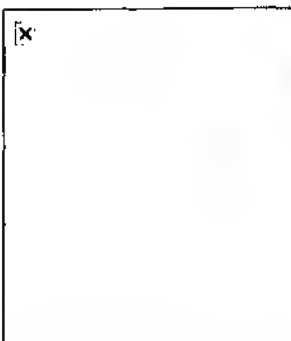
More than 100 of the comments arrived within the two-days prior to the Thursday, March 6 deadline. DNR staff are assembling, tabulating and formatting the electronic comments, and plan to make the comments available to the public as quickly as possible, and no later than March 14.

The comments will be made available online at the state's AGIA website. Electronic copies will also be available on request. For more information contact DNR at 907-269-8400.

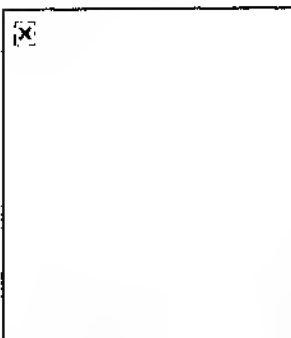
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Governor Palin presented information about Alaska's gas pipeline to the Hoover Institution Board, which is the Stanford University-based public policy research center, on Feb. 26, 2008, in Washington, D.C. Photo credit to Goodman/Ven Riper Photography



Governor Palin reads to students in the Gastineau School Head Start class in mid-February.

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Women's History Month

Nationwide, March is Women's History Month. Alaska has its own rich heritage of women who made a difference, including Elizabeth Peratrovich who demanded equal treatment for all Alaska citizens, Susan Butcher whose four victories in the Iditarod made her a symbol of self-reliance (see related article in this newsletter), and Hilary Lindh who is a five-time U.S. National Champion and the 1992 Olympic silver medalist in downhill skiing.

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Governor Sarah Palin

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Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 7:20 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re:

I heard today that she might be a candidate...

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Sent: Fri Mar 14 19:21:18 2008
Subject: Re:

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From: Joe Balash
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Mar 14, 2008 7:14 PM
Subject:

Linda Menard?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 5:54 PM
To: Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: WAIT- ANCSA meeting

I'm in Anchorage on Monday if that's better for them. The closer to plane time on Monday, the better.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Anders, Bruce F (DNR)" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2008 17:50:46

To: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Subject: WAIT- ANCSA meeting

Just spoke with Chair of CEO board, Sheri Buretta. She said Tuesday WAS best, but we waited too long, too crunched for them to arrange travel/schedules. She said they now prefer first week of April. No hard feelings, she understood this was a busy week, etc. Anyway, please let me know when that week we could do it, in Juneau.

Thanks,

Bruce

----- Original Message -----

From: Anders, Bruce F (DNR)

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Sent: Fri Mar 14 17:35:48 2008

Subject: ANCSA meeting

Hi Janice,

Just spoke with the Governor, and she is fine with (in fact desires) a meeting next week. Tuesday is still best for Tom and me, and for the CEOs I have spoken with. Please let me know time ASAP so I can let the CEOs make their travel plans. Thanks!

Bruce

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 5:30 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: McAllister

Sounds like we missed quite a show!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Fri Mar 14 17:22:18 2008
Subject: McAllister

Do me a favor- give McAllister a hard time for this situation: while he's covering that boring ol' budget stuff in Juneau? He missed the fireworks around Southcentral today!

And I'll call Lay re: budget.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 5:30 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Native corp

Leaders will meet me in Juneau next week. Bruce will set this up w you. Thanks.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 1:19 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Wesley Loy Interview request

I fear they're going to bleed more out of us in "agreements", beyond the \$40,000 in discretionary. That's generous enough and gives them more control than I believe the public is comfortable with, due to their recent spending habits. I don't want to go beyond that generous offer of \$40mil.

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From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2008 12:50:36

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>, "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Wesley Loy Interview request

The Senate just passed the municipal assistance bill and they voted to concur with the PERS/TRS bill. We currently have the education bill and the municipal assistance and the PERS/TRS bills are on their way. All but a concurrence vote by the House, the Legislature has completed their work on the three legged stool.

The House and Senate just started their press conference to discuss the three items. You will find it interesting that Harris started off by saying that they are only open to discuss and take questions on these three things. He said other issues (supplemental, vetoes, etc.) would need to be taken up at a different time. Lyman Hoffman is selling the passage of the three bills as a real cooperative effort between the House and Senate.

The House's next action on the vetoed projects is still uncertain. I met with Harris again later yesterday and he said that he thinks a little more clarification regarding the approach on overall spending could be helpful. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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Harris is working on putting numbers to our proposal. Karen and I are looking at that as well. I asked Harris for a copy of his spreadsheets and he said they could probably get us something later today.

We will keep working on some numbers so we are prepared to discuss with legislators what overall level of spending is acceptable. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 12:32 PM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Wesley Loy Interview request

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Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2008 11:26:20
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Wesley Loy Interview request

Governor - I know this weekend is probably packed, but if you have 10 minutes, Wesley would love a call.

From: Loy, Wesley (mailto:wloy@adn.com)

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 10:44 AM

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Interview request

Hi Sharon:

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I'm writing a story for our Sunday newspaper that will attempt to place in broad context the positions of the governor and the Legislature on budgeting this year, particularly with respect to capital spending.

I'd like to ask Gov. Palin about her fundamental goals for state spending, and whether she believes we're headed toward a defining moment between herself and lawmakers.

I expect this will be a prominent story.

Ideally, I'd like to do this interview today or this evening, though I realize the governor has a full schedule. A Saturday interview would work.

My contact numbers are below.

Thank you and Gov. Palin, Sharon!

Wesley

Wesley Loy

Reporter

Anchorage Daily News

(907) 586-1531 (Juneau office)

(907) 952-3966 (cell)

wloy@adn.com <mailto:wloy@adn.com>

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 1:16 PM
To: jeubank99615@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 1:52 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Jennifer Eubank
address: 3289 Balika Ln Kodiak AK 99615-7053
907-350-0599

MESSAGE:

Jennifer Eubank
3289 Balika
Kodiak, AK 99615-7053

March 14, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

Dear Governor Palin: Thank you for your support for the Alaska Housing Trust. Including \$10 million for the Housing Trust in your State capital budget is an important step towards ensuring homes for all Alaskans, especially low-income families, those who experience mental illness, addictions, and other disabilities.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Eubank

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From: Steve Lantz [srlantz@psea.net]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 12:42 PM
To: Parnell; Sean R (GOV)
Cc: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Troopers
Subject: [Fwd: Note to Lt. Governor]

Honorable Lt. Gov. Parnell,

I read with great interest the Anchorage Daily News which reports you will challenge Don Young. Congratulations.

Lt. Gov. I still await a response to my email dated nearly three weeks ago. I await response on your commitment to the safety of Alaska Citizens. Your response is of even more importance to me now that I will be faced with voting or not voting for you yet again as a representative of Alaska at the national level.

I question what the Palin Parnell leadership has done for the individual citizen of Alaska and what you can offer us at the national level. Cost of living continues to sky rocket while Comm. Kreitzer is quoted in the paper saying that a "4-3-3 is a significant increase" for the supervisors union. Frankly it is a joke and insult. I'm ashamed they ratified the contract.

Lt. Gov. your commissioner continually fails to negotiate in good faith with the Public Safety Employees Association. Your Dept. of Public Safety needed wage and benefit increases comparable to the 27% the VPSO program is getting yet has returned to the table time and time again with a reduction in their original request. The Public Safety Employees Association was originally asking for double digit increases in pay and benefits. The Association has now returned to the table with an offer of 6.5% this year yet your administration under the guidance of Comm. Kreitzer stand fast at 5%, unwilling to budge on 1.5%, after we have budged to the tune of double digits.

Please tell me your safety, that of your families, and that of every Alaskan are worth 1.5%. Incidentally Gov., Lt. Gov, and Commissioner

Kreitzer 6.5% as requested by PSEA does nothing to make up for the years of falling behind state employees endured. It fails to bring us even close to that of our competition for recruitment and retention yet we have negotiated, compromised, and sacrificed only to find ourselves faced with arbitration.

Time is running out for Alaska Citizens. Their safety is at stake and this administration continues to do nothing.

I look forward to a response from each of you on this matter,

Sincerely,

Steve Lantz

Alaska Citizen

Registered Republican Voter

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 12:34 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Wesley Loy Interview request

I see his # on the bottom. No need to send it.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2008 20:32:11

To: "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>, "Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

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NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson Honored at Annual Indian Women's Luncheon

WASHINGTON—March 5, 2008—National Congress of American Indians Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson was honored at the 13th Annual National Indian Women's "Supporting Each Other Luncheon" during NCAI's Executive Council Winter Session in Washington, D.C.

Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) spoke of the many accomplishments of Johnson, who is of the Raven/Sockeye Clan of the Tlingit Tribe of Alaska. "Jackie wears many hats, juggles many balls, as we all do, but what matters is if you can catch them at the end of the day, and Jackie does," Sen. Murkowski said.

A banquet room filled with Native women, stood in ovation as Johnson walked to the podium to accept a plaque in recognition of her leadership, a Pendleton blanket, and gifts from others in attendance. Also in attendance were Native men showing their support.

Johnson first thanked her daughter, Jamie Gomez, for her strength and the NCAI staff for their support, calling them family. She then thanked the influential women in her life, her mother and her late grandmother.

"I want to thank my grandmother whom I gather my strength from and who made me a resilient Tlingit woman," Johnson said. "I look over this audience of strong women today and I can see the same strength that my grandmother possessed."

Also honored at the luncheon was Gay Kingman-Wapato, the current Executive Director of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association and a former executive director of NCAI.

"Today we honor Indian women who have made an impact not only on the local, regional and national levels, but also on the international levels," said luncheon host Julie Johnson.

Jacqueline Johnson has been the NCAI executive director since 2001. She is also the former chairperson of the National American Indian Housing Council and former Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Native American Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She serves on the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the Sealaska Corporation and the Native American Advisory Council for Boys and Girls of America committees.

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Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 11:10 AM
To: forsure@gci.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 11:16 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Susan Spriggs
address: P. O. Box 71381 Fairbanks AK 99707
(907) 328-1957

MESSAGE:

As an Alaskan resident for 42 years, a mother of five sons, and a state employee, I would like to extend my strongest kudos to Governor Palin. You make me proud to be a mother, an Alaskan, and a state employee. Congratulations on your new addition. Your positive attitude and always friendly smile are such a welcome sight! Thank you Sarah!

forsure@gci.net

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 4:43 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: EVOS Trust Funds: Habitat Acquisitions and "Brick & Mortar" Projects

From: Loy, Wesley [mailto:wloy@adn.com]
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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 6:27 AM
To: Mike Tibbles; Russ Kelly; Sharon Leighow; gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Beth Leschper; Karen Rehfeld; Larry Persily
Subject: Re: Channel 2 - budget showdown?

I noticed that there's a short but very good editorial in today's ADN about our earmark policy.

I believe that Matt decided not to publish my Op-Ed piece on the grounds that the subject matter has received enough coverage by them. But, I'd like to think that he felt a little bit guilty and then decided to write his own editorial, which is probably a better result anyway.

Perhaps, another newspaper which has not devoted as much coverage to earmarks would be willing to publish the Op-Ed. I think it's a reasonable summary of the current situation in DC and does contain some new information on transportation earmarks, which precipitated the problem to begin with.

Earmarks

Pork with a sense of proportion

Sen. Ted Stevens complains that Gov. Palin's anti-earmark rhetoric is hurting Alaska's cause in Congress. It's harder for him to get federal funding for Alaska projects, he says, when critics can say your own state doesn't like earmarks.

Maybe so. But the Palin administration hasn't said all earmarks are evil. It has merely scaled back the state's list of funding requests, using some sensible criteria, like whether the project involves any federal responsibility and has strong public support.

The governor recognizes that legitimate federal funding requests may come from other sources, like local governments and the university.

In short, when it comes to federal pork, Gov. Palin is talking about reduced portions, not going without. That's the reality these days, thanks to past earmarking excesses. Cutting the list of earmark requests and using tighter criteria to screen them should make it easier to defend the Alaska projects that do get federal funding.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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Any commitment from adn to run Katz op-ed on earmarks?
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2008 19:55:59

To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>, "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Channel 2 - budget showdown?

"I believe it's inappropriate to stuff a supplemental budget with a package of last year's vetoed capital projects, especially when the administration has not even seen the growing list of legislator's projects they've apparently now added to the supplemental budget. Supplemental budgets traditionally, and appropriately, fund end-of-year shortfalls due to unexpected costs, usually in operations of public services provided by government. The capital budget should be developed in a comprehensive manner."

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2008 11:19:30

To: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>
Subject: Channel 2 - budget showdown?

Rep. Meyer told Bill McAllister that the budget has / will be moved out with the capital projects IN. BM wants comment from the administration. Please advise.

Sharon Leighow
Deputy Press Secretary
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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 5:24 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: unemployment insurance

Governor,

There is a hearing tomorrow on the unemployment insurance bill. The bill proposes to raise the average weekly unemployment benefit from \$248 to \$370. Alaska's unemployment insurance rates rank 48th lowest in the nation. The new amount if enacted would place Alaska in the middle of the pack. There have been numerous attempts over the years to adjust the rates but the unions and the business community have not been able to reach an agreement.

The bill has picked up more momentum this year. It may be due to the recent announcement about the employer rates being reduced and the lowest in many years. The current version of the bill would increase the amount of the employer paid insurance from \$470 per employee per year in 2008 to \$495 per employee per year in 2014. The net increase for employers would be \$25 over 6 years. The 2014 amount at \$495 is still lower than the \$584 amount last year. The employee costs will remain flat for two years but will result in a \$34 increase over 6 years.

The state chamber and the associated general contractors support the bill. They believe higher unemployment insurance will help with the high cost of living and result in a stronger workforce by maintaining workers to fill seasonal jobs. Commissioner Bishop Privileged or Personal Material Redacted has been neutral in his comments to legislative committees. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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and his office?

Do you have any direction, I can pass back to Click

Thank you.

Mike

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From: teedah@gci.net on behalf of Bill Arnold [teedah@gci.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 12:28 PM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Alliance of ConcernedTaxpayers; Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sterling Community Club

Karen, we thank you so much for a real "person" reply instead of the typical canned response. We are pleased that the supplemental does not contain what we feared. Please keep a "sharp eagle eye" out for any monetary request that has "Sterling" on it! Things locally are done generally on a "secret agent" basis.

If we were in Sarah's shoes, we would VETO the supplemental budget because that format as we see is "strictly for dire emergencies!" It has been a vehicle for "vetoed pork items" as noted recently. Find us an item in the supplemental budget that is not pork or could be handled by private citizens?

We have also noted in the past that expense items end up in the capital budget and vice-versa. We wonder if the cost accounting treats those items fairly as listed in that type of budgeting? If not, then all those budgets should be visited and "red penned" until the Legislature prepares the budgeting (with the help of hundreds of government accountants) that know the difference between "Capital and Expense" budgets and the accounting for the spending. The budget is a guess and the spending is the performance against the guess. We have also noted that things are under-funded purposely and added on in ensuing years, including spending without auditors notes in the annual audit.

You see this day by day and we see it maybe once per year, after the audit, if we request the audited financial statements in printed format (CAFR).

Bill and Samon

----- Original Message -----

From: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)
To: teedah@gci.net
Cc: Walt and Gesena Galetti ; Ak Voters Organization ; Alliance of ConcernedTaxpayers ; Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 11:47 AM
Subject: RE: Sterling Community Club

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Arnold - As you know, Governor Palin vetoed a \$300,000 request for the Sterling Community Club, Inc., Sterling Community Center, in the FY08 capital budget. I have looked at the projects included in the bill, SB256, currently pending action in the State House of Representatives, and do not find that this project is included, either at \$300,000 or \$100,000. I recall our conversation last summer and appreciate your feedback. The bill is currantly schedule to be heard on the House floor on

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Monday. Karen

Karen J. Rehfeld, Director
Office of Management & Budget
465-3568

karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov

From: teedah@gcl.net [mailto:teedah@gcl.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 10:30 AM
To: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Walt and Gesena Galetti; 'Ak Voters Organization'; 'Alliance of ConcernedTaxpayers'; Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Sterling Community Club

Dear Karen,

Last year we were able to stop \$ 100K with regard to the Sterling Community (Contractors) Club including a telephone call we made to you personally. We hope this item did not make the "supplemental budget" that the Legislature is fighting Sarah over. The property is full of benzene from the "Zip Mart" fuel spill estimated at 100K gallons. Benzene causes cancer! All it takes is a strong enough "spring ice heave" that breaks the black clay barrier, then the Benzene is on top of the ground for the children to play in. This is the kind of "nitro glycerin" that is at stake here! Does the State want to deal with this type of potential threat?

The Community Club is made up and run by several local contractors. Those folk do not represent the views of the "majority" in Sterling. "Amazing Grace" Merkes has been down there on the borough dime recently probably pushing Head Start on the condemned property. Some how Gracie was able to con the Denali Commission to give the Sterling Community Contractors Club \$ 1 million to draw up building plans for the condemned site. Uncle Ted probably "ear marked" it! Who knows, because everything is done in secret. Too many "Secret Agents" in all forms of government!

Grace and her crew held a meeting at the Seniors Center a few months ago with Tim Navarre moderating, a quiet meeting (little notification) and 26 showed up; 20 representing the contractors club and Grace's relatives that make up her Head Start. This whole thing stinks to high heaven! In the past years when the whole community voted, Gracie and her relatives and friends lost "big time." All the funding Amazing Grace goes after for Sterling is dona in a manner secretly, even the process she uses on the borough assembly. You call the borough and no one knows about anything about proposed funding for Sterling that most of us are against.

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If the \$ 100 K is in the supplemental, please see Sarah and squash it! We would appreciate hearing from you or Sarah about this.

Bill and Samon Arnold
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From: Lauri Pepi [akpepi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 11:42 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); King; James G (DNR); Rep.Kevin.Meyer@legis.state.ak.us;
Rep.Mike.Chenault@legis.state.ak.us; Sen.Tom.Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Swanton; Charles O (DFG); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: HB311

Re: Lower Kasilof river boat launch, FY2009 Governors Captial Budget Appropriation
Department of Fish and Game proposal #44823, included in HB311

I am writing to oppose funding for the Lower Kasilof Boat Launch.
I object to the state using the Trujillo parcel for a public boat launch and parking area. I live in the residential subdivision between that parcel and the state highway, and I would be severely affected by this decision. Our roads are over 30 years old and were never designed to handle that much traffic, and still provide safety and accessibility for our homeowners and children playing outside.

The Kasilof river currently has a very limited motorized boat us, due to river conditions. It is primarily a drift boat fishery, and I believe it is not allowed to fish from any motorized boat as well. Why provide access for power boats, then? The ADF&G uses a boat equipped with a jet drive and this boat can be heard quite clearly and loudly in my yard, 2 blocks from the river! The Kenai river is now addressing water quality issues of pollution from hydrocarbons, as well as noise and bank erosion from the boat traffic there. Should we not know the impact this may have on a much smaller river, before that damage is done here?

There has been no public process or notification, and our neighbors are very concerned about the impact this would have for us.
I ask you to please deny funding for this bill.

Thank you, Laurinda Pepi
PO Box 316
Kasilof, Ak. 99610
907-262-1788

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From: BRENT W JOHNSON [BWJOHNSON@PSEA.NET]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 10:13 PM
To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Parnell; Sean R (GOV); Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)
Cc: Troopers
Subject: Your State Troopers
To Whom It May Concern:

March 15, 2008

I am writing to ask for your help, to ask you to help me help the people of Alaska. Alaskans from all regions, all races, and all religions are suffering from epidemic levels of sexual assault, domestic violence, alcohol induced shootings and property crime of all varieties.

I am an Alaska State Trooper. I see the misery and suffering these crimes cause my fellow citizens every day. I do the best I can every day to prevent or, at the very least, catch the perpetrators who commit these crimes. I find the job becoming more and more difficult, and more and more dangerous with each passing year. At the same time, I see the pride of my fellow State Troopers decreasing year after year as more and more of our Troopers leave us for better paying jobs elsewhere. After 3 years of exhaustive and expensive recruiting, DPS has only managed a net increase of 3 Troopers. This speaks volumes about how much the incentives to become and stay an Alaska State Trooper have decreased over the years.

Recently I experienced a situation which I would like to take a moment to relate to you, so that you can, for a moment, experience this problem from my perspective.

I currently work as a Wildlife Trooper, focusing the majority of my energy on enforcing the state's wildlife laws, while at the same time having all the duties and responsibilities of a patrol State Trooper.

Approximately 2 years ago I received a call from a young woman reporting that she had been sexually assaulted over the weekend while at a party. As the only Trooper of any kind available at the time, I took it as my duty to, at the very least, contact this victim and let her know that someone believed her, that someone cared. I went to her home, listened to her cry and blame herself as she related the sordid details of what happened to her. I did my best to comfort her, to explain what would need to be done to collect evidence, and, eventually, earned her trust at a time when she would trust no other man. Because of this trust, I felt obligated to see the case through to its conclusion and not hand it off to a "blue shirt" Trooper. I did and still do wish a "blue shirt" Trooper, with the experience in these types of cases necessary, had been available that day. For 2 years I did the best I knew how, tracked down witnesses, collected DNA, fought with District Attorneys to look over the case, and finally, this past week, brought the suspect to trial. After a week of trial, I stood beside this young woman and walked with her into a courtroom where, between fits of sobbing, she related the most shameful moments of her life to perfect strangers for the first time in 2 years. At the conclusion of this, the man was found not guilty of sexual assault. I was then forced to call this woman, and violate her all over again with the news that her attacker was free.

As I sit here writing this to you today, I cannot help but wonder if this victim could have found justice had there been an adequate number of State Troopers at the time. I did the best I knew how, but the problem was, I really didn't know how. I had no experience with this type of crime,

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I did what I was taught at the academy, I have been told I did a good job with the case, but still, I wonder, could this victim have been better served if someone with more experience had handled her case instead of a Wildlife Trooper.

How many other victims are there out there who will never receive justice due to the continuing lack of State Troopers? How many rapists, child molesters, spouse abusers and drunk drivers will go free and unpunished because the current administration flatly refuses to make the career of an Alaska State Trooper competitive with other agencies? How soon until Troopers, over worked and understaffed, begin to suffer emotional and psychological problems due to the overwhelming stresses being placed on them, with no help forthcoming?

As I write to you today, I am mad, I am angry and I am frustrated. I am mad that I may not have done my job well enough, and a rapist has gone free. I am angry that this administration has taken such a flippant attitude toward the hundreds of brave men and women who wear a State Trooper uniform. I am frustrated that the people of Alaska will ultimately suffer the most and pay the highest price for this administrations lack of action and failure to make public safety a priority.

What will it take for this administration to accept that the Department of Public Safety is on the brink of a full blown crisis? How many citizens have to be victimized needlessly because there are not enough Troopers on the streets and in the villages to even respond to the crimes that have already been committed, much less prevent new ones? How many Troopers have to resign and seek other employment so they can support their families? How many lawsuits have to be filed against DPS and the state for failing to provide the basic law enforcement services mandated by statute? How many Troopers lives are you willing to risk, working alone, without backup, due to the manpower shortages? How many Troopers' grieving widows would you care to hand a flag to before your eyes are opened?

Sincerely,

Brent W. Johnson
PO Box 846
Tok, AK 99780

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 11:03 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sched today

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2008 16:30:46

To: "Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Sched today

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 8:59 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Sched next friday

5pm I have an appt in wasilla - next friday

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 7:30 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Sched

Pls add yesterday 4pm visited APOC office, met staff members.

Noon- visited Div of Elections, met staff members. Spoke with various reporters. (Also conducted interviews at 10am).

1-3:30 met on gasline issues.

Eliminate 7pm intriduction last night (they changed the agenda and I wouldn't have even begun the comments until 8:30-ish... The day was long enough without staying in Anchorage through the extended evening).

Today: I'll conduct ADN interview with Wesley Loy re: budget and gasline.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 7:07 AM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Fw: TransC

It's very important that Alaskans aren't led to believe we're dismissing the idea of an Alaskan project. Delicate in the way it's presented, but Alaskans need assurance we're comparing the Canadian and Alaskan projects.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2008 15:04:44

To: "Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Pat Galvin" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Sean personal2" <Privileged or Personal >

Subject: TransC

Wesley's ADN this morning is enlightening, if TC is truly lobbying Congress with the idea that the bridge shipper idea is more than a suggested "creative idea", but rather a prerequisite.

It's important for Alaskans to know we're not dismissing an Alaskan project while the gasline team considers the TC application. I don't want to loose Alaskans' faith in our process here - the process that includes comparing an in-state project most understood (and ultimately, I believe, most supported) by the public. I believe we need to make more efforts in assuring Alaskans that we're not stubbornly eliminating any other gasline option besides TC... that we're doing all we can to get OUR gas to OUR markets, including seriously considering the smaller AK project.

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 12:17 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Sched today

Thanks - I will note all items on calender. Janice

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Sat Mar 15 11:02:47 2008
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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 12:18 PM
To: Anders; Bruce F (DNR); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: WAIT- ANCSA meeting

Bruce - I will work with you on Monday to get this set up. Janice

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----- Original Message -----

From: Anders, Bruce F (DNR)
To: External3mailgsp; Mason, Janice L (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Sent: Fri Mar 14 18:03:46 2008
Subject: Re: WAIT- ANCSA meeting

Thanks for offer, Governor. But no, they decided to go ahead and book up the week. So the first week of April is their preference.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Sent: Fri Mar 1

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 7:21 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Meyer

Tomorrow's fine. Let him know that mischaracterizations like that really erode the spirit of trust and communication that I had believed he was trying to manifest. He's done this to us how many times now?

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Tibbles
To: Governor Sarah Palin
To: Mike Tibbles
To: Russ Kelly
Cc: Sharon Leighow
Sent: Mar 15, 2008 7:16 PM
Subject: RE: Meyer

Meyer, Chenault and Harris are supposed to talk tomorrow about the supplemental and our proposal. I was planning on checking in with them to get a read prior to Monday's floor session. If tomorrow is OK, I will ask Meyer and let you know his response.

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From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>; "Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Sent: 3/15/2008 5:37 PM
Subject: Meyer

Pls ask Kevin Meyer why he told McAllister that Lyda and I were in a cat fight before the reporter arrived with a camera the other day when we all met in my conference room. Then pls let me know what Kevin's answer was. I wonder why he would say that - it is not true. Wonder why these guys aren't trustworthy- when they tell reporters things like that?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 2:32 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); allison.iverson@alaska.gov; Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Re: Hamel

Bring this right to Allison then, instead of directing Chuck to someone else in the organization. You're right- he'll assume we don't care if he's directed elsewhere. Thanks

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From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2008 12:35:53

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Hamel

Governor,

Chuck Hamel has emailed me that last few days regarding his claim that BP is restricting the production of oil, causing the State to lose funds. He claims that BP is shorting production 100,000 to 150,000 b/d. I have in the past tried to get Chuck to share more evidence of his claims but he has not been forthcoming. I discussed this issue with Pat Galvin and he recommended I redirect Chuck to Allison Iverson with PSIO. One problem with Chuck is that as soon as he talks to someone, he immediately starts creating an impression that they are not doing enough. I know he has mentioned disappointment with Jonne Slemmons in the past but Allison maybe a new contact that can help chase down his issues.

Mike

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 4:53 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: fire in Kenai

Walt wanted you to know there was a fire in Kenai and it sounds like a mother and two children died. The father and another child were away from the residence. I think Walt said that one of the children was a known firestarter but we won't know more about the cause until there is more time to investigate.

Mike

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 10:19 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: FW: EVOS Trust Funds: Habitat Acquisitions and "Brick & Mortar" Projects

Governor,

Sorry to bother you about this again but Talis, Denby and Larry are actually at the EVOS meeting today. I mentioned they would be meeting soon but I failed to specify that it was today. I spoke with Talis this morning and he would love an email on whether you could support large projects from the EVOS trust funds. Privileged or
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Privileged or Personal Material Redacted If you have thoughts, I can pass along to the commissioners, they would very much appreciate hearing from you. Thanks.

Mike

From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 4:43 PM
To: 'Sarah Palin'
Subject: EVOS Trust Funds: Habitat Acquisitions and "Brick & Mortar" Projects

Governor,

Denby, Talis and Larry Hartig serve as state members on the EVOS trustee council. The council will be meeting soon to discuss the direction of EVOS and use of the remaining funds. There has been an ongoing debate about whether EVOS money should be used for habitat protection and whether the organization should continue to incur operating expenses in perpetuity. Our commissioners Privileged or Personal Material at their next meeting two items:

- 1) The purchase of parcels of land from private and native entities. Examples include 6,350 acres on afognak, several smaller parcels in Kenai, Soldotna and Valdez.
- 2) The use of fund for capital projects including a Fish and Game research building in Kodiak and an outreach center in Cordova.

I can provide a complete list of all the projects if you would like. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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They requested I check with you to see if you have any concerns.

Thank you.

Mike

From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 11:52 AM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: EVOS Trust Funds: Habitat Acquisitions and "Brick & Mortar" Projects

Dear Mr. Tibbles, I would echo Larry's request for guidance. Can we proceed with big projects, land acquisitions? The two day meetings begin Saturday and go through Sunday and the three of us are going to be in an odd situation of being asked for our views if we aren't sure we have authority to express them. Talis

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From: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 10:58 AM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Lloyd, Denby S (DFG); Colberg, Talls J (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW)
Subject: EVOS Trust Funds: Habitat Acquisitions and "Brick & Mortar" Projects

Mike and Joe,

I am just checking in to see if the Governor's office has any questions or guidance to the state EVOS trustees regarding what we discussed last Thursday – whether there are any policy considerations we need to have in mind in going forward with consideration of using EVOS trust funds for habitat acquisitions (North Afognak parcels and a handful of smaller key parcels on the Kenai River, etc.) and building projects (partial funding of research facilities in proposed Kodiak ADF&G building, partial funding for proposed Cordova public building, and possible small DEC storm water control projects)?

Thanks for any input you can provide at this time.

Larry

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From: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KJREHFELO]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 3:17 PM
To: 'Lauri Pepl'; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lloyd; Denby S (OFG); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); King; James G (DNR); 'Rep.Kevin.Meyer@legis.state.ak.us'; 'Rep.Mike.Chenault@legis.state.ak.us'; 'Sen.Tom.Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Swanton; Charles O (DFG)
Subject: RE: HB311

Dear Ms. Pepl - Thank you for your email expressing concern about funding for a Kasilof River Boat launch. As you know, Governor Palin has included \$2 million in her FY2009 capital budget for this purpose. The governor recognizes that sport fishing is an important component of the economy and quality of life on the Kenai Peninsula and boating access is an essential aspect of providing sport fishing opportunity. The legislature is currently considering this funding request and public input is an important part of the budget process. House and Senate Finance committees have been carefully reviewing the budget and will have scheduled time for public comment. I would encourage you to provide written or oral testimony to the finance committees.

Should this funding be included in the budget, the Department of Fish & Game is committed to conducting a public process. The department's Statewide Boating Access Coordinator is working with Department of Natural Resources staff to hire a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study for the boat launch project. The contract will include conducting public hearings, developing a concept level design, construction cost estimates, annual and long term maintenance costs, permitting requirements, and identifying archaeological/historical issues. There are two sites that will be evaluated under this contract, Trujillo's Landing and Foxhill Estates Subdivision.

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Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 11:47 AM
To: 'teedah@gcl.net'
Cc: 'Walt and Gesena Galetti'; 'Ak Voters Organization'; 'Alliance of ConcernedTaxpayers'; Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: RE: Sterling Community Club

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Arnold – As you know, Governor Palin vetoed a \$300,000 request for the Sterling Community Club, Inc., Sterling Community Center, in the FY08 capital budget. I have looked at the projects included in the bill, SB256, currently pending action in the State House of Representatives, and do not find that this project is included, either at \$300,000 or \$100,000. I recall our conversation last summer and appreciate your feedback. The bill is currently schedule to be heard on the House floor on Monday. Karen

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Cc: Walt and Gesena Galetti; 'Ak Voters Organization'; 'Alliance of ConcernedTaxpayers'; Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Sterling Community Club

Dear Karen,

Last year we were able to stop \$ 100K with regard to the Sterling Community (Contractors) Club including a telephone call we made to you personally. We hope this item did not make the "supplemental budget" that the Legislature is fighting Sarah over. The property is full of benzene from the "Zip Mart" fuel spill estimated at 100K gallons. Benzene causes cancer! All it takes is a strong enough "spring ice heave" that breaks the black clay barrier, then the Benzene is on top of the ground for the children to play in. This is the kind of "nitro glycerin" that is at stake here! Does the State want to deal with this type of potential threat?

The Community Club is made up and run by several local contractors. Those folk do not represent the views of the "majority" in Sterling. "Amazing Grace" Merkes has been down there on the borough dime recently probably pushing Head Start on the condemned property. Some how Gracie was able to con the Denali Commission to give the Sterling Community Contractors Club \$ 1 million to draw up building plans for the condemned site. Uncle Ted probably "ear marked" it! Who knows, because everything is done in secret. Too many "Secret Agents" in

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all forms of government!

Grace and her crew held a meeting at the Seniors Center a few months ago with Tim Navarre moderating, a quiet meeting (little notification) and 26 showed up; 20 representing the contractors club and Grace's relatives that make up her Head Start. This whole thing stinks to high heaven! In the past years when the whole community voted, Gracie and her relatives and friends lost "big time." All the funding Amazing Grace goes after for Sterling is done in a manner secretly, even the process she uses on the borough assembly. You call the borough and no one knows about anything about proposed funding for Sterling that most of us are against.

If the \$ 100 K is in the supplemental, please see Sarah and squash it! We would appreciate hearing from you or Sarah about this.

Bill and Samon Arnold
P.O. Box 1392
Sterling, Alaska 99672-1392
(907) 260-5463 or 252-2453

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Subject: Re: Sched

Will add to calendar. Janice

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:03 AM
To: 'Fran Stetson'
Subject: RE: Lower Kasilof Boat Launch-AKFG pro. #44823

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Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2008 10:35 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Lower Kasilof Boat Launch-AKFG pro. #44823

P. O. Box 1352
Kenai, Alaska 99611
March 16, 2008

State of Alaska
Office of the Governor
POB 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Re: Lower Kasilof Boat Launch; FY2009 Governors Capital Budget Appropriation.
Department of Fish and Game Reference No.44823

Honorable Governor Palin,

I am writing this letter concerning the above proposals because of the negative impact this would have on the neighborhood and environment I live in. I have witnessed the increase in drift boat traffic over the fifteen years my husband and I have lived at 52080 Tall Grass Ave. By putting in a State public access-boat launch the road traffic will greatly increase and so will the noise, vandalism and trespassing. The thought of having road traffic at all hours of our summer nights is something I never expected to happen in this neighborhood.

But more important are the environmental issues involved in this proposal. The Trujillo site at river mile 3.5 is an old cannery. The demolition of these buildings could put the area (long established quiet residential subdivision) at risk of exposure to hazardous building materials and ground wastes. The Trujillo riverbank side now has an old drift boat landing and a dirt parking lot, which floods during high tides. There are rye grass tidal flats where birds (sandhill cranes, geese, ducks) come in from April to May. I would urge you to have an environmental impact statement under the national environment policy (NEPA) act done.

I urge you not to fund the Department of Fish and Game's proposal (Reference No. 44823) to buy the Trujillo property. Having a powerboat launch on the lower Kasilof River would cause

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the same bank erosion, noise, pollution, and overcrowding that is ruining the Kenai River.

Sincerely,
Francesca Stetson

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:44 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Alaska State Chamber Capital Notes March 14, 2008

From: Wayne Stevens [mailto:wstevens@alaskachamber.com]
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Half way through

The Legislature is well into the second half of the session, already eclipsing the half way mark a week back. Both sides are feverishly attempting to put a wrap on the state's operating budget. The operating budget, which covers the operating costs for all state functions such as funding for state troopers, Medicaid programs, road maintenance, airports etc., will likely be the largest operating budget in state history. As passed by the House last week, the operating budget exceeded 10 billion in total funding, close to a 10% increase from the previous year's budget. With action by the Senate expected this week, final action on the state operating budget could be completed by both sides as early as next week.

Funding Measures and Surpluses

A supplemental funding bill is also going through both sides of the legislature. This is a normal operating procedure for the administration and the legislature as unforeseen costs are annually adjusted in a supplemental funding bill to the previous year's enacted operating budget. However, this year things are a little different. As you may recall from last year, the legislature passed a rather large capital budget with many Legislators projects vetoed by the Governor. Well, strangely many of the projects deleted by the Governor have been added into the supplemental budget requested by the administration. As one legislator put it, "this is our way to let the Governor know who is the appropriating body." Under the Constitution only the legislature can appropriate money, while the Governor holds the veto power. The new approach at funding capital projects in the state's supplemental operating budget will likely create a few fireworks as the session draws to a close next month.

Save a Buck Campaign

Additionally, revenue forecasts have suggested the state may have an additional 3.5 to 4 billion dollars this year. The supplemental bill also carried a provision inserted by the Senate to dump 2.6 billion into the constitutional budget reserve (CBR). As Rep. Mike Hawker astutely pointed out at the Chamber of Commerce annual legislative fly-in, any measure to put money into the CBR is simply political posturing. So do legislators need to make appropriations to the CBR?

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No, all they need to do is not appropriate the money and it automatically rolls into the CBR as Rep Hawker explained to attending folks.

Look for members of the House to jump on the bandwagon to see who can save the most money. Regardless of bragging rights, the state chamber has made it a top priority to encourage our legislators to save as much as is feasibly possible. With a gasoline potentially many years away, oil production is dwindling fast. Even with the high price of oil, it is expected the state budget will be busted in 10 years or less. Less if the legislature continues to spend without looking to the future.

State Chamber Legislative Fly-In

Last week, the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce held its annual fly-in with business folks coming to Juneau from all over the state to participate and learn about issues affecting Alaskans. The first day's session took attendees through an in-depth look at the political, logistical and competitive issues surrounding Alaska's gas pipeline. Analysis and interpretations on gas issues were presented by Rep. Ralph Samuels, Dan Fauske (administrations AGIA team), Tony Palmer for TransCanada, and Brian Wenzel for Conoco-Phillips. The gasoline presentations brought together a mix of perspectives on a very complex issue surrounding the future of Alaska's gas pipeline. Some folks were optimistic after the presentation and discussions, while some folks felt much work is yet to be done to get the project moving.

We also heard from legislators on other issues including Rep. Mike Hawker on the budget surplus and a fiscal plan and Sen. Johnny Ellis on unemployment insurance. Dan Barr presented information on the potential to develop an Alaskan business plan. Later in the event, a seminar was held in the Senate Finance Room with legislators stopping by to discuss a variety of personal and business issues. Those folks included: Senator Hollis French on health insurance, Senator Gary Wilken on financial issues and uses of the permanent fund, Rep. Beth Kerttula on growing up in the Capitol and what it means to be a legislator, and Rep. John Coghill who covered a variety of issues. Senate President Lyda Green, and Speaker of the House John Harris, each made individual appearances, and were both able and knowledgeable presenters to the Alaskan business community.

The two day event was topped off by a formal board meeting with a casual reception held for legislators and staff at the mid-way point in the two day process. The reception sponsored by Wal-Mart and the Alaskan Brewery Company drew more than 100 plus business and legislative participants. More than half of the elected members from the Senate and the House made an appearance to mix with Alaska's best in business.

In the midst of a 90-day session, we at the State Chamber found it particularly rewarding that so many members of our Alaska Legislature were able to juggle very tight schedules to participate with us. It was truly a generous gesture to give us so much of their time.

State Chamber of Commerce

As always we are working on many different bills. HB 103-Bond Requirement on Appeal, SB 122-Municipal Property Tax exemption and SB 120-Unemployment insurance, are just a few of the many different bills being looked after this week.

While there are a number of issues the State Chamber is working on, if there is an issue that is important to you and your business, please let the folks at the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce know of your concerns.

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Crome, Cora J (GOV); Swanton, Charles O (DFG); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)
Subject: HB311

Re: Lower Kasilof river boat launch, FY2009 Governors Capital Budget Appropriation
Department of Fish and Game proposal #44823, included in HB311

I am writing to oppose funding for the Lower Kasilof Boat Launch.

I object to the state using the Trujillo parcel for a public boat launch and parking area. I live in the residential subdivision between that parcel and the state highway, and I would be severely affected by this decision. Our roads are over 30 years old and were never designed to handle that much traffic, and still provide safety and accessibility for our homeowners and children playing outside.

The Kasilof river currently has a very limited motorized boat use, due to river conditions. It is primarily a drift boat fishery, and I believe it is not allowed to fish from any motorized boat as well. Why provide access for power boats, then? The ADF&G uses a boat equipped with a jet drive and this boat can be heard quite clearly and loudly in my yard, 2 blocks from the river! The Kenai river is now addressing water quality issues of pollution from hydrocarbons, as well as noise and bank erosion from the boat traffic there. Should we not know the impact this may have on a much smaller river, before that damage is done here?

There has been no public process or notification, and our neighbors are very concerned about the impact this would have for us.

I ask you to please deny funding for this bill.

Thank you, Laurinda Pepi
PO Box 316
Kasilof, Ak. 99610
907-262-1788

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 8:22 PM
To: Ruero; Rendall P (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft of Sen. Dyson's Letter to the Editor

Thank you for working on this.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 18:27:33

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Draft of Sen. Dyson's Letter to the Editor

Governor:

I am checking with DOT on the project Sen. Dyson complains about. If I recall earlier conversations with John MacKinnon on the subject, DOT made some changes to the project that followed Sen. Dyson's intent language but did not modify the project in every way that he requested. It will probably be tomorrow before I can get to the bottom of this.

I do not think his complaint about the AG has any merit. He complains that DOT did not follow his intent language on the project in budget bills. I believe the Constitution (Confinement Clause) and Alaska Supreme court cases limit the legislature's use of intent language to restrict actions of the Executive Branch.

Randy

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 8:21 PM
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: Kenai River Regs

Sounds good. Thank you

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 19:31:58

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: Kenai River Regs

Re send

----- Original Message -----

From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; 'sr_parnell@alaska.gov' <sr_parnell@alaska.gov>

Sent: Mon Mar 17 16:06:21 2008

Subject: Kenai River Regs

Governor, the 30 day public notice for changing the 2 cycle ban from 2010 to 2013 was completed March 7. There were only 8 comments this time with 4 supporting the 2013 date. In fact the Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition who fought the first ban said this was an acceptable compromise. Two wanted it left at 2010 and two were neutral. I have signed the 2013 adoption order, that will go to law and then to the Lt Gov for filing. If you have any questions please let me know. Tom

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 6:54 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Todd
Subject: Re: Governor's Prayer Breakfast

Thank YOU

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 18:32:16

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, fek9wnr@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Governor's Prayer Breakfast

Todd replied that he'll be there w/Willow and Piper. If others come, we'll pull up chairs as you mentioned and I'll call Chuck and Sally. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Sent: Mon Mar 17 17:59:37 2008

Subject: Re: Governor's Prayer Breakfast

Todd- who?

Great if my folks want to be there too. And even if others (our kids) show up, we'll just pull up a chair for them. I'll tell them to eat beforehand.

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From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 17:08:17

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: Governor's Prayer Breakfast

I have my committee meeting tomorrow and they need to know how many guests you'll have at the breakfast to reserve seats. This Saturday morning. It'll likely be a sold-out event again this year.

Last year it was me & Willow (Chuck & Sally were there too and I can call them and see if they're going again this year).

I'm planning on being there.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 5:47 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Fw: ANWR

Would you have our folks craft nice thank you letters to delegation on this? Personal from me and our admin, bc we're appreciative of their anwr efforts.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 20:11:27

To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: ANWR

Governor,

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

So that's my counseling lesson for the evening.

Larry (always ready with advice)

>>> <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> 03/17/08 7:38 PM >>>

Does our delegation need a letter of support for their new ANWR opening proposal?

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 3:16 PM
To: 'ftb907@yahoo.com'
Cc: 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Kodiak

Thanks. I had let him know it was all taken care of also. I told him he didn't need to fly in early to pick us up- we'd find a ride.

----- Original Message -----

From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: fek9wnr@yahoo.com <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 15:15:06 2008
Subject: Re: Kodiak

He left me a mssg inquiring about it at 11:22am this morning, I called him back at 12:27pm to let him know it was all taken care of.

"Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov> wrote:

Just curious- what time did you talk to Gary about this?

----- Original Message -----

From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Wheeler, Gary R (GOV)
Cc: Crome, Cora J (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); fek9wnr@yahoo.com <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 13:35:13 2008
Subject: Re: Kodiak

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 2:07 PM
To: Elliott_Lowe@blm.gov
Subject: RE: Congratulations !

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: Elliott_Lowe@blm.gov [mailto:Elliott_Lowe@blm.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:07 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Congratulations !

We elected you to do a job and you're doing it !! Congratulations for holding down State spending. You are the right person at the right time, to create a lasting legacy for Alaska. We admire and are thankful you are doing all of the right things; things lesser people simply can't seem to do. We pray you stay the course and continue to save and invest for our wonderful State.

The next time you are east of Fairbanks on the Chena Hot Springs Road, please stop in at Mia's Cafe near 22.5 Mile. We would like to meet you and want you to have a free meal !

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Elliott and Mia Lowe 474-2307 or 488-7606

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 2:05 PM

To: 'Catherine & Erik'

Subject: RE: Kasilof Boat Launch

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Catherine & Erik [mailto:cark1@worldnet.att.net]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:38 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Kasilof Boat Launch

Dear Governor Palin,

This smells like a 2 week old humpy. The ADFG Sportfish Division proposal #44823 contained in House Bill 311 really stinks. Without any public process, the Sportfish Division and State Parks are continuing to promote a plan to build a large boat ramp and parking facility on the lower Kasilof River. The Kasilof River now has a drift-boat only sport fishery and as a result of that has none of the hydrocarbon pollution, turbidity and boat wake erosion problems that plague the Kenai River. One of the sites being considered for the new facility is a small privately owned boat ramp. The owner does not allow use of his ramp to anyone before 7am as the access road goes through a residential subdivision and trucks pulling boat trailers down a gravel road are extremely noisy, boats with motors are also not allowed to use the ramp. The proposed facility would allow 10 times as many users with no restrictions.

We already have enough social and environmental problems in the lower Kasilof River due to lack of planning and zero enforcement. The Kasilof River Personal Use Fishery is a good example of an environmental disaster in progress. This fishery attracts thousands of users from all over the state and because no agency is in charge of crowd control these people can camp for weeks and weeks on the dunes at the mouth of the river. These campers run their ATVs through the fragile grasses that help protect the dunes and dump their trash and sewage on the dunes and in the adjacent wetlands. In contrast, the City of Kenai last year spent over \$95,000 managing the Kenai Personal Use Fishery and the city administration recommends they spend an additional \$75,000.

I suggest that the state should work to fix existing problems before creating new ones. Please strip this ill-conceived proposal out of the budget and start talking to the local people about what the community really needs.

Thanks for your help,

Erik Huebsch
Kasilof, AK
262-6189

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From: Bob Bell [bbell@frbcmh.com]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 3:28 PM
To: 'John Sodrel'; Tibbles; Kristy R (DFG); DFG; DWC Wolf Comments (DFG sponsored); Taylor; Kanton P (DFG); DFG; Commissioner (DFG sponsored); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Soukup; Jerry L (DFG); Larsen; Douglas N (DFG); Clarke; Ronald G (DFG); Titus; Kimberly (DFG); Hilderbrand; Grant (DFG); DelFrete; Gino (DFG); DFG; DWC Public Information Region 3 (DFG sponsored); James; David D (DFG); Nowlin; Roy A (DFG); Becker; Earl F (DFG); mark.mcnay@alaska.gov; cfleener@catg.org; cjudkins@mtaonline.net; tspraker@fishgame.state.ak.us; ted.spraker@alaska.gov; cliff.judkins@alaska.gov; ben.grussendorf@alaska.gov; richard.burley@alaska.gov; Fleenar; Craig L (DFG); bob.bell@alaska.gov; lewis.bradley@alaska.gov; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Pelln; Sereh H (GOV)
Cc: aoc@alaska.net; aocpac@msn.com; hunterheritagefoundationak@msn.com; info@protectmoose.com; office@alaskaprohunter.org; jklutsch@bristolbay.com; kally@vrem.com; rfithien@alaskaprohunter.org; akpen@aol.com; nwebster@gci.net; alaskanate@excite.com; thaperrins@rainypasslodge.net; mlitzen@kenai.net; hunting@akmountainsafaris.com; wildsue@aptalaska.net; info@kanaisci.org; Lewis; Larry L (DFG); markburdick@hotmail.com; fishart@alaska.com; creditcardmike@yahoo.com; admin@aksafariclub.org; president@aksafariclub.org; akhunter@hot-shot.com; vicepresident@aksafariclub.org; mtnmen@mtaonline.net; treasurer@aksafariclub.org; bwanamike@ak.net

Subject: RE: Thank you!

John: Thank you for your pleasant and insightful email in regard to our management of wildlife in Alaska. With informed citizens such as yourself I am sure all of the wild critters in your state are carefully and humanely managed. In case you are not aware 80% of the prey species in Alaska that die each year are killed by the helpless and innocent bears and wolves you refer to in your email. I suspect our moose and caribou don't see them in the same light as you do, but then I am sure you are much more informed than they. As far as you visiting our state, I would have to discourage you from doing that as there are a number of vile, despicable and loathsome people here who do eat moose and caribou because they don't have a Safeway to buy meat from or have a slaughterhouse to do their killing for them. I am sure you have both so you can be a person of conscience and be nobler than these poor wretches. By the way, these vile people harvest about 5% of the animals each year. In regard to your wish for the disposition of our souls I hope you are mistaken, but if not I am sure I will see you there. Sincerely Bob

From: John Sodrel [mailto:jesodrel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:55 PM
To: kristy_tibbles@fishgame.state.ak.us; dfg.dwc.wolfcomments@alaska.gov; kenton.taylor@alaska.gov; dfg.commissioner@alaska.gov; denby.lloyd@alaska.gov; jerry.soukup@alaska.gov; doug.larsen@alaska.gov; ron.clarke@alaska.gov; kim.titus@alaska.gov; grant.hilderbrand@alaska.gov; gino.delfrate@alaska.gov; dfg.dwc.pubinfo3@alaska.gov; david.james@alaska.gov; roy.nowlin@alaska.gov; earl.becker@alaska.gov; mark.mcnay@alaska.gov; bbell@frbcmh.com; cfleener@catg.org; cjudkins@mtaonline.net; tspraker@fishgame.state.ak.us; ted.spraker@alaska.gov; cliff.judkins@alaska.gov; ben.grussendorf@alaska.gov; richard.burley@alaska.gov; craig.fleener@alaska.gov; bob.bell@alaska.gov; lewis.bradley@alaska.gov; governor@gov.state.ak.us; sarah.palin@alaska.gov
Cc: aoc@alaska.net; aocpac@msn.com; hunterheritagefoundationak@msn.com; info@protectmoose.com; office@alaskaprohunter.org; jklutsch@bristolbay.com; kelly@vrem.com; rfithian@alaskaprohunter.org; akpen@aol.com; nwebster@gci.net; alaskanate@excite.com; theperrins@rainypasslodge.net; mlitzen@kenai.net; hunting@akmountainsafaris.com; wildsue@aptalaska.net; info@kanaisci.org; larry_lewis@fishgame.state.ak.us; markburdick@hotmail.com; fishart@alaska.com; creditcardmike@yahoo.com; admin@aksafariclub.org; president@aksafariclub.org; akhunter@hot-shot.com; vicepresident@aksafariclub.org; mtnman@mtaonline.net; treasurer@aksafariclub.org; bwanamike@ak.net
Subject: Thank you!

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Dear Alaskan wildlife officials,

Just wanted to thank you for making my decision, and that of everyone I know, an easy one to never set foot in your state or knowingly support anything that has to do with Alaska. Your continued slaughtering of wolves from the air and otherwise, and decision to do the same to bears, is reprehensible in the extreme and will not be tolerated by people of conscience!

I don't give a damn about your bogus, unfounded rationale of increasing ungulate populations for subsistence--read trophy and sport--hunting, only a vile, despicable, loathsome human being could approve of and/or participate in such a barbaric, inhumane endeavor. What the hell gives you the right to arbitrarily massacre other sentient beings to euphemistically "manage" them?!

Unfortunately we don't live in a perfect world, but if we did anyone involved in and/or supportive of these decisions would suffer the same fate as what is being cruelly inflicted on helpless, innocent wolves and bears. Although I'm not a religious person, I take great comfort in knowing that all of you will one day be burning in Hell for your evil actions!

Scornfully,
John Sodrel
New Albany, IN

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From: frank bailey [fb907@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:35 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Wheeler; Gary R (GOV)
Cc: Crome; Cora J (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Kodiak

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:18 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Schedule Request for today, Mon., 03.17.08

Kris needs access too.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 11:27:40

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Schedule Request for today, Mon., 03.17.08

Governor - You have had access to make appointments on your calendar for several months per our computer folks. You are not able to make appointments from your blackberry at this time. This is something that we can have changed just for you. I have a lap top that I leave at home that lets me go directly into the calendar and make changes.

Kris - I am sure you already know how to go in and make appointments - please email or call and I can walk you through it if you have any questions.

The only other people on your calendar that has accessibility to schedule is I, Hannah, and Sunny. Mike Tibbles has viewing rights only. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:35 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Re: Schedule Request for today, Mon., 03.17.08

Don't know yet- depends on when I arrive and what all I have on the plate.

Also, pls ask whomever is in charge of calendar that Kris and I both need access to data

input on the schedule. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:29:47

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Schedule Request for today, Mon., 03.17.08

Governor - Senator Wagoner would like 15 minutes today at 4:00 p.m. to discuss DOT in General and Issue on Kenai. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Please let me know and I can confirm. Thanks, Janice

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:27 AM
To: Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Cc: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV); Good; Jacob D (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 9:35 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Michael Tagaban
address: 1011 Arctic Circle Juneau AK 99801

MESSAGE:

If this acutally occured it is very dicrediting to the office of the Govenor, and the people of Alaska. All state employees regadless of position must remember they represent all residents of this great State and must put aside personal opinons regarding what is best for the State.

Respectfully,

Michael G. Tagaban

Laura Muller- Anchorage

> >

> > Last night, I had the misfortune to be ahead of a presumed state
> > employee while in line for security flying from Juneau to Anchorage.

> >

> > This man was quite chatty with his companion; he said that his
> > job

was

> > to keep "things from coming across the governor's desk" and that
> > he

was

> > down in Juneau interviewing for a job. The Department of
> > Fisheries

was

> > mentioned, and the Federal Subsistence Board.
> >

> > Then he went on to describe how difficult it is to work with
> > "those

> > Native people" on the Federal Subsistence board and that they
> > really

> > ruined everything by throwing out "the Native card" all the time.
> > He

> > thought it was funny that 'they' though HE was depriving them of
their

> > "Native rights", and he and his companion had a good laugh about it.
> His

> > comments were denigrating and clearly contemptuous of the folks he
works

> > with. It is clear that this man has no intention of working
> > cooperatively with anyone, and the fact that he had the arrogance
> > to

> > announce it in the Juneau airport has me quite angry.
> >

> > I understand both as an Alaskan Native and person familiar with
> > the

> > political process that having people in positions of power who
> > agree

> > with your position aren't always possible, but I would hope that
> > even

> if

> > folks disagree that they don't publicly denigrate their opponents
> > in

> > public places. I keep trying to figure out what is making me more
> angry-

> > that he was pompous and arrogant enough to say those things in a
> > line

> > from Juneau to Anchorage, or that this person with *clearly*
> > impaired

> > judgment would be considered for a position that would further
> > allow

> him

> > to treat people disrespectfully.

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> >

> > Sincerely,
> > Laura Muller

mike.tagaban@goldbelt.com

Unknown

From: John Sodrel [jesodrel@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:55 PM

To: Tibbles; Kristy R (DFG); DFG; DWC Wolf Comments (DFG sponsored); Taylor; Kenton P (DFG); DFG; Commissioner (DFG sponsored); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Soukup; Jerry L (DFG); Larsen; Douglas N (DFG); Clarke; Ronald G (DFG); Titus; Kimberly (DFG); Hildarbrand; Grent (DFG); DelFrate; Gino (DFG); DFG; DWC Public Information Region 3 (DFG sponsored); James; David D (DFG); Nowlin; Roy A (DFG); Becker; Earl F (DFG); mark.mcnay@alaska.gov; bbell@frbcmh.com; cfeenar@catg.org; cjudkins@mtaonline.net; tspraker@fishgama.state.ak.us; ted.spreker@alaska.gov; cliff.judkins@alaska.gov; ben.grussendorf@alaska.gov; richard.burley@alaska.gov; Fleener; Craig L (DFG); bob.bell@alaska.gov; lewis.bradley@alaska.gov; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Palin; Sarah H (GOV)

Cc: aoc@alaska.net; aocpac@msn.com; hunterheritagefoundationak@msn.com; info@protectmoose.com; office@alaskaprohunter.org; jklutsch@bristolbay.com; kelly@vrem.com; rithian@alaskaprohunter.org; akpen@aol.com; nwebster@gci.net; alaskanate@excite.com; theparrins@rainypasslodge.net; mlitzen@kenai.net; hunting@akmountainsafaris.com; wildsue@aptalaska.net; info@kenaisci.org; Lewis; Larry L (DFG); markburdick@hotmail.com; fishart@alaska.com; creditcardmika@yahoo.com; edmin@eksafariclub.org; president@aksafariclub.org; akhunter@hot-shot.com; vicepresident@aksafariclub.org; mtnman@mtaonline.net; treasurer@aksafariclub.org; bwanamike@ak.net

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Dear Alaskan wildlife officials,

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I don't give a damn about your bogus, unfounded rationale of increasing ungulate populations for subsistence--read trophy and sport--hunting, only a vile, despicable, loathsome human being could approve of and/or participate in such a barbaric, inhumane endeavor. What the hell gives you the right to arbitrarily massacre other sentient beings to euphemistically "manage" them?!

Unfortunately we don't live in a perfect world, but if we did anyone involved in and/or supportive of these decisions would suffer the same fate as what is being cruelly inflicted on helpless, innocent wolves and bears. Although I'm not a religious person, I take great comfort in knowing that all of you will one day be burning in Hell for your evil actions!

Scornfully,
John Sodrel
New Albany, IN

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:25 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: School visits

They were shipped out sometime in January. Thanks!

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:19:58 2008
Subject: Re: School visits

Ask Todd if he needs them shipped or can wait until I bring them- for free- on thursday. I did not know we didn't have that bookcase full of the many more.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:32:28

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 7:16 AM

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Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

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Thanks

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Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:18 AM
To: rankingmember@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 9:30 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Mike Eliason
address: P.O. Box 548 Keyport WA 98345
(360) 692-8852

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

Your active efforts to "clean up" Alaska politics is greatly appreciated and you are a HERO to many people here in Washington state.

rankingmember@yahoo.com

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:35 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Schedule Request for today, Mon., 03.17.08

Don't know yet- depends on when I arrive and what all I have on the plate.

Also, pls ask whomever is in charge of calendar that Kris and I both need access to data input on the schedule. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:29:47

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Schedule Request for today, Mon., 03.17.08

Governor - Senator Wagoner would like 15 minutes today at 4:00 p.m. to discuss DOT in General and Issue on Kenai. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Please let me know and I can confirm. Thanks, Janice

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:01 AM
To: Yocom; Lauren J (GOV)
Cc: Wilken; Jessica M (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fish_and_Game

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 4:58 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Paul Barnes
address: PO Box 155 Gustavus AK 99826

MESSAGE:

March 12, 2008

The Honorable Governor Sarah Palin
Office of the Governor
P. O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin,

We are writing to ask you to urge the Senate and House Resources Committees to hold hearings on two important bills: House Bill 74 and Senate Bill 238. Both bills would close a dangerous loophole in existing statute that allows mixing zones, zones where regulations allow a body of water to exceed water quality standards, in spawning streams.

As commercial fishermen, we depend on Alaska's clean water to produce healthy catches of

salmon, halibut, and other fish. As a commercial fisherman, we work to protect fish habitat.

Fishing families depend on the purity of the Alaskan lakes, streams, and rivers. In 2005, salmon harvesting and seafood processing in Southeast Alaska alone supported 2,847 jobs (USDA, 2007). Commercial fishermen in the region earned \$92 million while seafood processors' payroll was \$38 million (McDowell Group, 2004). Alaska's clean water ensures the purity of our fish and enables it to command high prices in world markets.

The cities of Homer, Soldotna, Juneau, Wrangell, Port Alexander, Tenakee Springs, Pelican, and Yakutat, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough have all passed resolutions opposing mixing zones in spawning streams. Furthermore, numerous fishing organizations, including the Alaska Trollers Association, United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters, Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association, and United Fishermen of Alaska have passed resolutions or submitted comment letters against DEC's proposed regulations.

Protecting spawning streams is good for business. Please encourage the House and Senate Resources Committees to hear this bill.

Sincerely,

Paul Barnes

PO Box 155 Gustavus 99826

Commercial Fisherman

haikuaikido@gmail.com

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:48 AM
To: Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: School visits

Why'd they go there?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:38:22

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: School visits

Hello,

The books were distributed to the elem. schools in the Lower Kuskikwim (sp?) School District. We only have 3 books left. They will be in my office on top of the copy machine, unless you'd like me to send them else where.

I could look into purchasing/getting books if that's something you'd like to have on hand.

Thanks,

Erika

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 07:15:55 2008

Subject: School visits

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too. We'll look for bookmarks for them to hand out in the Anchorage office, and we'll need a load of those kid books from the mansion to be transported here so we have them to distribute outside of Juneau (that can wait until we can load them in the king air). Pls note on sched what they'll be doing for First Family event(s) this week. Thanks

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 12:49 PM

To: 'cindysmi@acsalaska.net'

Subject: RE: Kasilof boat launch public process?

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: cindysmi@acsalaska.net [mailto:cindysmi@acsalaska.net]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 12:40 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Kasilof boat launch public process?

March 17, 2008

State of Alaska

Office of the Governor

Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Lower Kasilof boat launch, FY2009 Governors Capital Budget Appropriation Department of Fish and Game
proposal #44823, in SB256 and HB311

Honorable Governor Palin:

I am writing to oppose the funding for the Lower Kasilof Boat Launch, which was vetoed last year

I have a few comments that I did not address in my last email to you, that I feel are very important.

I am aware that Fish and Game say they are going to evaluate two sites for this proposal, the Trujillo parcel and Foxhill Estate Subdivision. I cannot support the funding of this proposal because the Trujillo parcel is where Kenai River Sportfishing Assoc. targeted, while floating with Fish and Game, as their ideal boat launch, that will be used primarily for commercial guide drift boat interest, but in order to obtain the use of Federal money from the tackle tax, they need to create a motorized boat launch for public use. I am concerned that what is happening to the Kenai River with overuse of motorized boats and increased traffic, how can we let the same devastation happen to the Kasilof River?

I have lived in this neighborhood for 16 years and am very concerned at the detrimental impact this will have on us and the Kasilof River. The Trujillo landing has only been used primarily as a pullout for commercial guide boats, in a limited capacity with limited hours of operation. The river now has very limited motorized boat use with Fish and Game using a riverboat equipped with a jet drive and it disturbs the peace and quiet in my yard three blocks from the river. I feel that increased traffic on the river would be unsustainable and have detrimental impact to water quality, noise levels, and the overall peace that we now enjoy. Who will monitor this site? Currently we do not have enough personnel to fully monitor and police the fisheries we have.

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I feel this proposal is ill advised and without due process, there has been no public notification, concept design, or public concern for this highly controversial proposal. Where is the public process in this? Please do not fund this proposal and risk more damage to the Kasilof River and put an end to a very respectful and enjoyable neighborhood. I have written public testimony from this letter addressed to Kevin Meyer, to be presented for House Bill 311, if it passes from SB256. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Smith
cindysmi@acsalaska.net
262-8432

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:43 AM
To: tisterryak@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 8:37 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Terry Snyder
address: Po Box 521595 Big Lake AK 99652
907-892-8049

MESSAGE:

While I applaud your efforts meeting with the House yesterday to compromise on the next couple years budget and end the unnecessary political games I am wondering why instead of offering a set amount to each house district you don't urge them to fund all the unfunded mandates the boroughs and cities face. This with a set amount given to the cities and borough would be a great start on sustainable revenue sharing. I live in the MSB the fastest growth area of the state and am uneasy with the computation that has so far been offered as a revenue sharing package. It appears to me that our borough will receive less than last year. What is your stand on funding the unfunded mandates? I am continually amazed and impressed with your efforts to go where no recent governor has gone in doing what is best for Alaska. This would be yet another great contribution your administration could make to all Alaskans!

This is one valley woman proud of the valley woman at the helm who continues to be the teacher on what can be.

Look forward to your response.

Terry Snyder

Big Lake

tisterryak@gmail.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:42 AM
To: cfjbmeng@aol.com
Subject: RE: Oil&Gas

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 9:50 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Oil&Gas

Web mail from: carl jones
address: 2964 brittany place anchorage AK 99504
907-646-922

MESSAGE:

How do we place a "... " to cover the Ill's of Alsaka. We have a boundless supply of energy, resources, people and initiative. What we lack is the stability of purpose to proceed wihtout thinking of our individual "wants" and consider "Alaska" needs.

For 10 years I have listened to the up and down comments, corruption, single mindedness of purpose, and pie in the sky thoughts and aspirations of elected officials. What has it gotten us? Nothing. We are no closer now to relaizing a stable economy outside of fish, tourists and a depleating supply of oil.

If I could tell legislatures one thing and one thing only, it would be simply, quit hashing and arguing about who gets the larger piece of pie. Because, soon the pie will no longer be there.

Thanks, and congratulations to you and your family .

Respectfully,

Carl

cfjbmeng@aol.com

Unknown

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:31 AM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Campbell, Craig (MVA)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Larry wood

Thank you! I knew you'd be on it...

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Campbell, Craig (MVA)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 10:29:13 2008
Subject: RE: Larry wood

Yesterday, after reviewing the letter to the editor, I requested details from Mark on his conversations with Larry as I was not at all aware that Larry had ongoing concerns. I had a follow-up conversation with both Mark and Colleen this morning regarding similar concerns you mentioned below. I am following up on this end and will talk with Commissioner Campbell.

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:26 AM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Campbell, Craig (MVA)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Larry wood

What is he talking about in his letter to editor in Frontiersman - and if this is the comment that Mark Kelsey suggested was coming publicly last week it is a shame it wasn't addressed before his letter was published. Pls find out what you can - I have no idea what he's talking about. Pls work with DMVA to deal with it and just let me know the solution and conclusion. Thanks. Please ask Colleen and Mark what happened on this valley constituent issue, too.

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:26 AM
To: Crome, Cora J (GOV)
Subject: FW: Oppose HB311, proposal #44823

-----Original Message-----

From: cindysmi@acsalaska.net [mailto:cindysmi@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 11:06 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fw: Oppose HB311, proposal #44823

> March 15, 2008
>
> State of Alaska
> Governor Sarah Palin>
>
> Re: Lower Kasilof boat launch, FY2009 Governors Capital Budget
> Appropriation Department of Fish and Game proposal #44823, included
> in
> HB311>
>
> Honorable Governor Palin:
>
> I am writing to oppose the funding for the Lower Kasilof Boat Launch
>
> On March 13, a number of neighbors and myself did public testimony to
> the
> Senate Finance Committee to oppose funding of this project. We
> included a
> number of written testimonies from neighbors that could not attend,
> and

> also

> over a 100 signatures on a petition opposing this project, in a packet

> sent

> to the budget committee. We have also sent a packet of written

> testimony

> and

> our petitions to the Governor's office. This proposal is going

> through

> our

> district without being an open public process. To my knowledge, there

> has

> been no public notification, concept designs, or concern of the public

> addressed for this proposal to get appropriation of funds. Where is

> the

> public process in this? Attached are letters of concern and a signed

> petition of opposition to this proposal, from this neighborhood. We

> really

> need to hear from you acknowledging our concern on the process with

> which

> this proposal is being funded and pushed through.

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> I have lived in this neighborhood for 16 years and am very concerned

> at

> the

> detrimental impact this will have on us. The Trujillo landing has

> only

> been

> used as a pullout in a limited capacity with limited hours of operation.

> The river now has very limited motorized boat use with the Fish and

> Game

> using a riverboat equipped with a jet drive and it disturbs the peace

> and

> quiet in my yard three blocks from the river.

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> It is already noisy and disruptive with the racket from boat trailers

> going

> over rutted, pulverized roads, which will not sustain any more

> traffic. I

> ride my horse and walk my dogs daily, while dodging traffic from
> Trujillo's
> place.
>
> Who will monitor this site? Currently we do not have enough personnel
> to
> fully monitor and police the fisheries we have. I am fully aware of
> what
> Kasilof beach looks like in the summer, with traffic, garbage, and
> people
> everywhere.
>
> I feel this proposal is ill advised. I feel that increased traffic on
> the
> river would be unsustainable and have detrimental impact to water
> quality,
> noise levels, and the overall peace that we now enjoy. Please do not
> fund
> this bill and put an end to a very respectful and enjoyable
> neighborhood,
> for the pleasure of a few tourist and the Kenai River Sportfishing Assoc.
> Thank you for your time.
>
> Sincerely,
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>
> Cynthia Smith
>
> cindysmi@acsalaska.net
> 907-262-8432
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Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:21 AM
To: vicroy@mtaonline.net
Subject: RE: Budget

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Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 3:03 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Arklee Wilson
address: HC-33 BOX 2984 Wasilla AK 99654
907 373-0261

MESSAGE:

Dear Govonor Palin:

I am upset over the gross spending habits of our legislature. They are spending like drunken sailors. Just because oil revenues are high doesn't mean we should spend it all. I think we need to consider the fact that some day the gravy train will end. We should decrease our budget by at least 25%. And consider putting in a new oil refinery, our god forbid the state might consider building the pipeline from the slop to Fairbanks ourselves, then lease it to the oil companys.

So pull in the spending and create somthing good from the over taxation of the oil companys.

Sincerly Arklee Wilson

vicroy@mtaonline.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:20 AM
To: Crome, Cora J (GOV)
Subject: FW: KAFC Kasilof River Boat Launch Concerns

From: dwimar@gcl.net [mailto:dwimar@gcl.net]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 8:06 AM
To: Mike Chenault
Cc: Seaton, Paul (LAA); Hilsinger, John R (DFG); Swanton, Charles O (DFG); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG); Wagoner, Tom (LAA); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: KAFC Kasilof River Boat Launch Concerns

Dear Rep. Chenault,

Please accept the attached advanced copy of a letter from Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition regarding our concerns with the lack of public process in the development and planning of ADF&G's intentions to build a new boat ramp on the lower Kasilof River. We believe this project should have been proceeded with public hearings, comment opportunity and complete habitat assessments.

We understand that this project is included in this years budget, therefore we request that you consider our concerns and object to this proposal pending proper public review.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Dwight Kramer
KAFC Chairman

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Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:15 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Elections

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 8:23 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. Robert Lee
address: 2809 west 29th avenue Anchorage AK 99517
907-248-2769

MESSAGE:

Are you sure you want to trust a guy that will owe more to foreign campaign contributors than to the electorate? McCain is raising money in London and Paris as I write. I think you are making a very big political error, but then again I'm one of those know nothing Democrats.

relee42@hotmail.com

Unknown

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:04 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sched

Very par for the course that we can't just get that done. Janice tries to keep up, but it takes numerous reminders to note changes and many times it's just never completed on the Juneau end - especially weekends and evenings. Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 10:00:45 2008
Subject: RE: Sched

I'm sure Janice will get back to you, but she is the only person that has access to change. I don't, but would like to so that I can help you with this more. Also, I had previously asked - per your request - that you have access and I'll have to find out what happened with that.

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 9:58 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Sched

Janice - instead of me bugging you throughout weekends and evenings to add to my officially posted schedule, who else has access to amending that calendar and can assist? I am fine w doing it myself if someone will show me how. We're missing things on the sched due to my lack of time to note and follow up on changes, due to our continual problems with emails being received, etc. Thank you

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 9:52 AM
To: lisa55000@earthlink.net
Subject: RE: Budget

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-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2008 2:28 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Lisa Carroway

address: 3027 Riverview Drive Fairbanks AK 99709

(907) 374-4801

MESSAGE:

Hon. Palin. I am thrilled that you are providing a new clear voice of reason for our State. Forgive my brainstorming here but I have a lot of spare time on my hands lately. I think some of the budget surplus should be utilized to develop programs in the following areas:

- Environmental Protections standards (EPA). Since we will no doubt continue mining operations and expand oil exploration in some form or another, we need appropriate legal safeguards written into our state law to mitigate the environmental damage that will occur. Research environmental cleanup and develop an enforcement mechanism.

- We need a branch of the American Medical Association to come to Alaska and establish standards for Alaska's medical practices. Currently, patients have no way to enforce their rights against malpractice or quackery. Alaska needs to establish better standards of practice outside of a doctor's basic business license requirement to operate on our State.

- Better graduate programs- most obviously:

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- Elder care facilities- disband the current charities that do not deliver service to the elderly and put some state surplus money back into expanding the Pioneer Home program, increasing its staffing ratio, and developing new elder care facilities. We have an elder care crisis in Alaska that can no longer be ignored.

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Thanks for letting me share my thoughts with you.

lisa55000@earthlink.net

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I have checked directly with the airlines and that mid-morning flt is completely sold out. I am checking one more avenue and will know shortly. Janice

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To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Fw: BB & supplemental

Importance: High

Pls see below, it's the message we really need the public to hear and grasp:

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 15:56:32

To: "Sean personal2" <Privileged or Personal >

Subject: Re: BB & supplemental

Absolutely. That's the message we need the public to hear and understand. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Sean personal2

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Mar 17, 2008 7:52 AM

Subject: BB & supplemental

Great!!!

On the article today re the supplemental-

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Sean

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 7:44 AM

To: Sean personal2

I'm getting my personal blackberry today in Juneau, is the plan. Frank's looking into it.

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Subject: Re: Exxon Valdez trustee meeting.

Thank you

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Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:54:47

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Exxon Valdez trustee meeting.

Dear Governor Palin,

Thank-you. We (the Exxon Valdez Trustees) are meeting again today for formal decisions. The decisions we make on property purchases will be based on a lot of factors and can only occur if all six trustees are in agreement. There should be nothing particularly controversial.

Talis

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

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We are trying to amend the contracts, and you'll see the kind of pressure the unions will attempt here in the next few weeks.

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 7:16 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: School visits

Todd and Willow will be visiting classroom(s) on Wednesday, maybe one day before that too. We'll look for bookmarks for them to hand out in the Anchorage office, and we'll need a load of those kid books from the mansion to be transported here so we have them to distribute outside of Juneau (that can wait until we can load them in the king air). Pls note on sched what they'll be doing for First Family event(s) this week. Thanks

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 7:12 AM
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Subject: Re: Comm

They'll still need a head honcho in Comm.

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From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:06:56

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Comm

I heard on Friday in staff mtg that Kate is coming over at the end of the month.

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Sent: Mon Mar 17 06:51:56 2008

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Exxon Valdez trustee meeting.

Governor & Mike:

I didn't want to send this to everyone else... Part of the problem is the DOT/PP needing to FOLLOW THE CONTRACT. I have Nancy Sutch dogging them whenever I hear about a ferry system disruption, but sometimes they move forward without consulting us and we end up in this kind of situation. Hopefully, we are pulling in the same direction now.

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To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Todd
Subject: Re: NGA summer

Yes, I see them in cal, but as specific as nga can make possible will help. Thanks
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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 22:59:30

To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: NGA summer

These dates are listed on your calendar. I believe it is in July but we will work on in the a.m. Janice

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----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Sun Mar 16 22:02:33 2008
Subject: Re: NGA summer

Will do w/Janice.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Sun Mar 16 21:59:23 2008

Subject: NGA summer

Pls let me know when NGA confirms summer mtg dates. I'm going to try again this year with getting the kids there for First Family events- it didn't work last yr so we'll need as much advance notice as possible to secure good airfares and availabilities. We'll probably use mileage for the kids' tickets if Alaska doesn't fund First Family travel for NGA annual mtg. This necessitates even earlier reservations.

Pls let me know dates and airports in the vicinity. Driving from a less-expensive airport arrival into Penn may be necessary... everything's going to depend on family ticket prices. Thanks

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Dear Governor Palin, By the way I forwarded your email on how to proceed with trustee votes to both Denby and Larry. Talis

8/28/2009

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRIE]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 2:02 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Frank Bailey; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: FW: Cell phone reimbursement

Here's the latest with personal cell phone reimbursement. In sum, it's as I thought-- questions of confidentiality are still unanswered by Law. Kim Garnero (Finance director) thinks that personal emails on a personal device would be confidential and not subject to subpoena, however the question is still unanswered by Law.

I'm just getting to the office and will follow up with Kim on a timeframe of when we'll hear back with a legal opinion. I'll also ask if personal emails have always been routed through the state server.

-----Original Message-----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:57 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA); Swanson, Eric W (DOA)
Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

I believe that's true, although I don't know for sure. Eric, have you signed any for Admin?

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:48 PM
To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Are state employees currently signing up for reimbursement without the opinion from law?

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From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 13:33:16 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:29 PM
To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

When do you expect to hear back from law?

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From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:39:37 2008
Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

I'm hesitant to go too far on the confidentiality questions until we hear from Law. I would think personal emails on a personal device are confidential, but I'm not an attorney. I will send this question to Law to make sure that they address the confidentiality question in their response to us on the ethics boundaries.

Kim

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:16 AM
To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Well that's understandable that state business could be subpoenaed off a personal device, but personal emails on a personal device are confidential? What type of situation would constitute subpoena of personal emails? I'm really just trying to weigh the benefits of a personal vs state device.

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:06:00 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

We are also waiting on Dept. of Law for confidentiality issues, but I can tell you that using a personal device results in much less probability of audit or ding by the state. It's a strong motivator to move to the personal device with allowance status.

That said, if you have state business on a personal device, it is possible that information could be subpoena'd or accessed through other "public access to information" avenues. This would be specific to a topic, not just the work of an individual.

Does this answer the question?

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:56 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Thanks, Kim. I have your original email. My question is if we have a personal blackberry that we route our state email to, and also receive reimbursement from the state each month, and sign the reimbursement contract w the state, can our phone and email records be audited or can we as state employees be dinged in any way for having our personal and state emails route to the same device. I would gladly buy my own blackberry if it and its contents were truly mine. Any thoughts here?

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From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 10:39:46 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

Hi Ivy,

The monthly allowance amounts for personal devices are now available. I sent out an email with the form and FAQs on March 7th. I'll forward to you.

Allowance is \$40 per month for cell and \$75 for Blackberry.

Not waiting for Law on this one. All we need is a form signed by supervisor and employee that the device is needed and that employee has opted to provide.

Waiting for Law to opine on the ethics issues regarding personal use of business assets.

After you see the next email, let me know if you have any other questions.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:03 AM

To: Garner, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Fw: Cell phone reimbursement

Kim,

Can you answer my questions below re: cell phone reimbursement? I should have probably asked you first.

Thanks,

Ivy

----- Original Message -----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 09:37:55 2008

Subject: Cell phone reimbursement

Commissioner,

Are the reimbursements available yet for personal cell phones? How much is the monthly reimbursement? Also, have we gotten an opinion from law on the reimbursement contract state employees must turn in to receive the reimbursement?

Unknown

From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 3:32 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Veto

You can veto the just the \$70 million in projects. In appropriation bills, you can reduce or eliminate anything from one item to everything in the bill.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 3:27 PM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Veto

Can just the \$70mil cap projects be vetoed out of supplemental- or is it the whole ball of wax?

Unknown

From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 9:01 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Rep. Lynn's HB 287 - Divest from companies doing business in Sudan

Governor:

At your request, I reviewed HB 287. The bill would place a number of new obligations on the Alaska Permanent Fund, including divesting from companies that do business with Sudan. (The Sudanese government is accused of sponsoring genocide against civilians in Darfur) The bill's prime sponsors are Rep. Lynn and Rep. Gara.

The bill has been heard once this session in House State Affairs. Mike Burns of the Permanent Fund testified against the bill ("we do not believe that investment decisions made for social or political reasons are in the best interest of the permanent fund.") The permanent fund also produced a fiscal note estimating costs at nearly \$11 million for FY 2009, and about \$8 million a year for every year thereafter. The permanent fund attributes most of these costs to fund managers raising their rates for having to change how they handle their portfolios.

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Randy

8/24/2009

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:49 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: School visits

Sorry, I just noticed that I didn't send 'reply to all'.

They were shipped out sometime in January. Thanks!

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:19:58 2008
Subject: Re: School visits

Ask Todd if he needs them shipped or can wait until I bring them- for free- on thursday. I did not know we didn't have that bookcase full of the anymore.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:32:28
To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: School visits

We have approx. 1 dozen books left at the Mansion for distribution. I have the new book marks signed (70) and will ship up to ANC office today. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 7:16 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: School visits

Todd and Willow will be visiting classroom(s) on Wednesday, maybe one day before that too. We'll look for bookmarks for them to hand out in the Anchorage office, and we'll need a load of those kid books from the mansion to be transported here so we have them to distribute outside of Juneau (that can wait until we can load them in the king air). Pls note on sched what they'll be doing for First Family event(s) this week.

Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry(r) device from Cellular One

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:06 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Sched

It only makes sense too when you're in Anchorage that I have access to input (you too). Otherwise it just creates extra work and steps for others.

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:04 AM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sched

Very par for the course that we can't just get that done. Janice tries to keep up, but it takes numerous reminders to note changes and many times it's just never completed on the Juneau end - especially weekends and evenings. Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Mon Mar 17 10:00:45 2008
Subject: RE: Sched

I'm sure Janice will get back to you, but she is the only person that has access to change. I don't, but would like to so that I can help you with this more. Also, I had previously asked - per your request - that you have access and I'll have to find out what happened with that.

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 9:58 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Sched

Janice - instead of me bugging you throughout weekends and evenings to add to my officially posted schedule, who else has access to amending that calendar and can assist?

I am fine w doing it myself if someone will show me how. We're missing things on the sched due to my lack of time to note and follow up on changes, due to our continual problems with emails being received, etc. Thank you

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:01 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Sched

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:11 AM
To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)
Cc: Wilken, Jessica M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 4:17 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Charles Vargo

address: PO BOX 72273 FBKKS AK 99707

MESSAGE:

I have a couple of questions/comments. 1. The earmark items for both state and us gov. I agree with you. If I ran my buget like the us gov and Alaska delegates want to, I'd be put in jail. I hope you stand your ground and VETO those earmark items that are a waste of our money and tell Stevens its time to get with the program. I'm tired of his wastefull spending. If you need some help, give me a call. Also about the gas/oil prices. Why can't you/us/alaskans put a limit on what the state will allow the oil companies to sell gas and fuel oil for in Alaska. Why open up our preserves to them, they are only going to gouge us more in the end. I know we don't need more laws but I think these companies have taken way to much advantage of the Alaskan people/ USA in general. Can't we set a presidence on limiting there price/profit/ in alaska. Why give them more oil, that's not going to bring the price at the pump down or my fue oil bill. I know you can play hard ball so lets play. No matt

er what happens you and your workers are doing an excellent job, Thanks Charlie

vcvargo@gci.net